

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH

Annual Report

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

MASSACHUSETTS

YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1953

In Memoriam



Paul Robidoux

Born, April 26, 1899

Died January 23, 1953

Deputy Chief of Police 1934 Selectman March 1937 to March 1945

Superintendent of Streets March 1945 to March 1947

Chairman of Water System Construction Committee 1939-1940

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1953

SELECTMEN

Zephirin J. Remillard, Chairman

Walter P. Lewinski

Alfred M. Cote

TOWN CLERK

Lionel R. Trudeau

TOWN TREASURER

Walter D. Richard

TAX COLLECTOR

ALICE V. BOURRE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lionel R. Trudeau, Chairman

Abbey Fagan

Henry Boulais

Louis Daigle, Jr.

Ernest Dubois

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Roger Rue, Chairman

Raymond Mowry

Chester Gaskill

TAX ASSESSORS

Elsworth Crooks

Walter Mostek

Earl F. Rogers

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Rodolphe Beauregard, Chairman

Arthur Ayotte

Edward Lemire

TREE WARDEN

Sylvio Dalpe

MODERATOR

Alfred E. Staves

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Arthur E. Brown

James E. Yates

Albert Houle

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sarah Wrenn

Mathilda Harper

Lillian Arel

Thelma Ambler

Marie C. Crouse

Marjorie H. Stanley

CONSTABLES

Walter Chapdelaine

Harold E. Cook

Romeo P. Godin

Wilfred LeBlanc

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Emile Masse

APPOINTED OFFICERS FOR 1953

Workmen's Compensation Agent

Wilfred Arcand

Clerk of Board of Selectmen

Alfred M. Cote

Highway Superintendent

Wilfred Arcand

Chief of Police

Euclide E. Fluette

Policewoman and Chief's Clerk

Jeannette Fluette

Town Accountant

Joseph I. Taylor

Janitor Town Hall

Hartwell Esty

Janitor North Community

John Callahan

Janitor South Community

Eugene Lussier

Dog Officer

Euclide E. Fluette

Electrical Inspector

Melvin A. Nevers

Town Counsel

Leo Gossilin

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Adrien Trudeau

Inspector of Animals and Milk

Jean B. Mandleville

Veteran's Agent and Director

James Wrenn

Dump Caretaker

A. L. Brunelle

Fire Chief

Peter Kornicki

Forest Fire Warden

Peter Kornicki

Deputy Fire Chief

Vincent Thayer

Municipal Field Committee

Arthur Marchand
Wilfred Arcand

Warren Whiting
Michael Bonnollo

David Tuttle

Sextons

James Yates

Arthur Brown

Albert Houde

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Ellsworth Crooks
Harold Cook

Sylvio Dalpe
Richard Ambler

Fence Viewers

Ellsworth Crooks

Earl Rogers

Walter Mostek

Health Officer

Harold Schenker, M. D.

Public Weighers

Ernest Belcher
Aram Archambeault
Ronald Simpson

John Chick
Donald Varney
Ruel Thayer

Clarence Varney

Memorial and Armistice Day Committee

Oscar Chamberland
Byron Cook
James Wrenn
Herve Prefontaine

James Yates
Alfred Staves
Levi Smith
Michael Smith

Special Police Officers

Edgar Gelinas	Arthur Pellegrini	Charles Olson
Amedee Lesage	Walter Hobbs	Alfred Godin
Leo Casidy	Ovila Majeau	Eugene Sutherland
Oscar Trudeau	Rosario Trudeau	Kelton Potter
Leslie Brown	William Gillonardo	Arthur Collins
Edward Dacey	George Lockwood	C. Arseneault

Police Officers

Harold Cook	Wilfred Arcand	Leo Pleau
John Clancy	Alfred LeBlanc	Charles Olbrys
Philemon Rivet	Walter Chapdelaine	Edward Lemire
Bertrand Remillard	Norman Leone	Francis Locklin
Walter Mostek	James Yates	Carlton Gaskill
Bernard Joanis	Lewis Patrick	Ferdinand J. Girard
Gabriel Bernier	Abbey Fagan	Romeo Godin
Lawrence Guay	John Callahan	Marcel Arel
William Lewinski	William Naughton	Herbert Ambler
Lucien Dauphin	Roger Rue	Norbert Grenier
Edgar Allard	George Berardi	Earl Levielle
Peter Charland	Omer Harpin	Joseph Kozak
Leo Poirer	James Wrenn	Michael Smith
Judien Dubois	John Fromont	

WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Ovila Majeau

AGENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Leo A. Stearns

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3
Richard Ambler	John Zozak	Byron Cook
Thomas McGann	Edward Sawyer	Andre Fleurette
Rene Petit	Michael Smith	Donat Laplante, Chm.

JURY LIST

July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Name	Occupation	Street Address
Archambault, Gedeon,	Textile worker	31 Lafayette St.
Allaire, Richard,	Florist	So. Main St.
Bates, Windsor,	Salesman	400 So. Main St.
Bedez, Hilda,	Bookkeeper	Lakeview Ave.
Bokoski, Victory,	Laborer	31 Hunt St.
Breen, Daniel J.,	Salesman	Hartford Ave.
Caya, Leopold,	Machineist	Pulaski Blvd.
Chabot, Francis,	Weaver	So. Main St.
Chamberlain, Joseph,	Guard	Brook St.
Cook, Dorothy,	At home	So. Main St.
Cote, Edmond,	Auto body assembler	Pothier St.
Couture, Rene,	Farmer	Hartford Ave.
Dalpe, Wilrose,	Salesman	Essex St.
Darling, David H.,	Mechanic	So. Main St.
Desourdy, Joseph,	Truck driver	Central Blvd.
Desroches, Joseph,	Shoe factory worker	221 Pulaski Blvd.
DeTore, Alfred,	Plumber	Hartford Ave.
Fawcett, Rufus B.,	Retired	So. Main St.
Frechette, Albert,	Loom fixer	460 Wrentham St.
Hood, Chester P.,	Farmer	So. Main St.
Joannis, Bernard,	Mechanic	Hartford Ave.
Hill, Richard C.,	Farmer	High St.
Kozek, Joseph,	Repairman	Maple St.
Kucharski, John,	Textile worker	Norfold St.
LeBlanc, Wilfred,	Carpenter	Farm St.
Leone, Raymond,	Dairy farmer	So. Main St.
Lewinski, Walter P.	Textile worker	Maple St.
Lussier, Ronald,	Overseer	21 Bliss Road
Norman, Marion,	Clerk	Depot St.
Patrick, Lewis,	Mill work	Plain St.
Pelland, Roland,	Gillbox operator	Arthur St.
Proulx, Ovila E.,	Painter	1350 Pulaski Blvd.
Rainey, Arthur,	Textile worker	Chestnut St.
Rattie, Ernest,	Truck driver	So. Main St.
Roman, Stanley,	Clerk	20 California Ave.
Szuflicki, Hipolit,	Cutter	80 Stockholm St.
Thomas, Donald,	Farmer	Hartford Ave.
Turner, William,	Retired	Cook Ave.
Wilson, William J.,	Shoe worker	Mechanic St.

REPORT

of the

TOWN CLERK

Including

RECORDS OF TOWN MEETING

ELECTIONS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

of the

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

For the Year Ending

December 31, 1953

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION AND MEETING, 1953

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Precinct No. 1, at the Community House in Precinct No. 2, and at the Communtiy Building in Precinct No. 3, in said Bellingham, on

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1953

at 12:00 o'clock noon, for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes upon one ballot to the election officials for the following Town Officers:

Selectman	for a term of three years
Water Commissioner	for a term of three years
Tax Assessor	for a term of three years
Board of Public Welfare	for a term of three years
Two School Committeemen	for a term of three years
Housing Authority	for a term of five years
Cemetery Committeeman	for a term of three years
Two Library Trustees	for a term of three years
Two Library Trustees	For unexpired terms of two years
One Library Trustee	For unexpired term of one year
Four Constables	for a term of one year

POLLS WILL OPEN AT 12:00 NOON AN CLOSE AT 8:00 P. M.

SUBSEQUENT MEETING

'And also to meet at the Bellingham High School Auditorium in said Bellingham FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1953 at 8:00 P. M. then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To vote and raise appropriations for the following purposes, or act or do anything in relation thereto:

- Item 1. Moderator's Salary
- Item 2. Finance Committee
- Item 3. Selectmen's Dept.
- Item 4. Accountant's Dept.

- Item 5. Tax Collector's Dept.
- Item 6. Treasurer's Dept.
- Item 7. Assessor's Dept.
- Item 8. Certifying, Notes
- Item 9. Town Clerk's Dept.
- Item 10. Election-Registration
- Item 11. Town Hall
- Item 12. North Community Bldg.
- Item 13. South Community Bldg.
- Item 14. Police Dept.
- Item 15. Fire Dept.
- Item 16. Forest Fires
- Item 17. Sealer of Weights and Measures
- Item 18. Tree Warden
- Item 19. Moth Extermination
- Item 20. Health Dept.
- Item 21. Police Uniforms
- Item 22. Highway Sand Cleaning
- Item 23. Highway Chapter 81
- Item 24. Highway Chapter 90 Maintenance
- Item 25. Highway General
- Item 26. Bridges and Railings
- Item 27. Snow Removal and Sanding
- Item 28. Signs and Guideboards
- Item 29. Street Lighting
- Item 30. Machinery 'Account
- Item 31. Public Welfare
- Item 32. Old Age Assistance
- Item 33. Aid to Dependent Children
- Item 34. Veteran's Benefits
- Item 35. Memorial-Armistice Day
- Item 36. School Dept.
- Item 37. Vocational Training
- Item 38. Water Dept.
- Item 39. Cemetery Dept.
- Item 40. Town Reports
- Item 41. Town Counsel
- Item 42. Damage to Property-Injuries to Persons
- Item 43. Municipal Athletic Field
- Item 44. Maturing Debt
- Item 45. Interest
- Item 46. Reserve Fund
- Item 47. Library
- Item 48. Unpaid Bills, Contracted in Prior Years

- Item 49. Norfolk County Retirement System
- Item 50. Town Bldg. Insurance (Excluding School Bldg.)
- Item 51. Inspector of Wires
- Item 52. Sidewalk Maintenance
- Item 53. Disability Allowances

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954 and to issue note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money for the purpose of repairing and improving the following buildings; Town Hall, North Community and South Community Buildings; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of two Highway Dump Trucks and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in two Highway Dump Trucks as part of the purchase price; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving Pulaski Blvd.; said sum to be used in conjunction with Chapter 90 contribution from State and County; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the constructoin of a concrete bridge over Peter's River on Wrentham Street; and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum of money and issue notes of the Town therefor, in accordance with Clause 4 of Section 7 of Chapter 44, General Laws; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving and repairing the following streets: Munron St., drain Freeman St., Linwood St., and Poirer St., or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve Brook St., or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving Mansion St., from Mann St., to Harpin St.; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving Lake St., from the cemetery to Pulaski Blvd.; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the deeds and layouts of the following streets: Pioneer St., from Center St., Pelletier Drive from Lakeside Drive, extension of Winter St., 600 feet, Stensen St.; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving Lake St. from Cross Street to Franklin Town line; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve Locust St., from Pulaski Blvd., to Bellingham and Wrentham Town line; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve Elvira St., or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve Mohawk St., from Cranberry Meadow Road to Blackstone and Bellingham town line; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve Cranberry Meadow Road from Chestnut St., to Lakeside Drive; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving Florida St., from Central Blvd., to Spring St.; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving Brisson St., from Pulaski Blvd., or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving Moody St., or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving Farm St., or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise an appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving Winter St., or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the deeds and layout of a street known as Railroad Street, located in the Caryville section, and running northwesterly from Hartford Ave.; and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of said street; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of two Emerson Resuscitators for use in the Fire Dept.; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for High School Athletics; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to investigate school-housing conditions in Bellingham; said committee to report its findings and recommendations at the next subsequent town meeting in regard to the advisability of constructing a new school building; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for a new truck for the Water Dept. including the trade-in value of the present 1947 Chevrolet Truck; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of laying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter on North St., from South Main St. to Mendon town line; said sum to include installation of hydrants, valves and other appurtenances; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of laying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter on Lake Shore Drive at Lake Hiawatha; said sum to include installation of hydrants, valves and other appurtenances; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving and repairing Easy Street; from South Main St.; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of dredging brook on both sides of Lowland Road; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the moderator to appoint a committee of five members to investigate garbage and rubbish disposal at the present site on Center St., said committee to report its findings at the next Special Town Meeting; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving Orchard St.; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to install two street lights on Pickering, Stone street, light on Elm St., two on Archer St., and one on Moody St.; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of water mains and hydrants in that certain street known as Railroad Street and running northwesterly from Hartford Ave. in the Caryville section; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, in accordance with the town by-laws.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 26th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

ZEPHIRIN J. REMILLARD,

WALTER P. LEWINSKI,

ALFRED M. COTE,

Selectmen of Bellingham.

A true copy. ATTEST:

Constable of Bellingham.

TOWN ELECTION

March 2, 1953

Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
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SELECTMAN (three years)

Windsor Bates	130	75	279	484
Henry Forget	63	45	258	366
*Walter P. Lewinski	176	121	467	764
Blanks	9	3	35	47
Totals	378	244	1039	1661

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (three years)

*Louis Daigle, Jr.	250	144	523	917
*Ernest Dubois	206	111	576	893
Richard A. Genereux	115	83	380	578
Roland J. Trottier	127	80	402	609
Totals	756	488	2078	2322

WATER COMMISSIONER (three years)

*Arthur Ayotte	219	129	471	819
Wilrose Dalpe	54	54	213	321
Ferdinand Gladu	93	38	316	447
Blanks	12	23	39	74
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Totals	378	244	1039	1661

TAX ASSESSOR (three years)

Donat Laplante	179	111	482	772
*Walter J. Mostek	179	110	522	811
Blanks	20	23	35	78
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Totals	378	488	1039	1661

CEMETERY COMMITTEE (three years)

*Albert Houle	224	132	677	1033
Eugene N. Rhodes	128	85	310	523
Blanks	26	27	52	105
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Totals	378	244	1039	1661

WELFARE BOARD (three years)

*Roger Rue	295	179	847	1321
Blanks	83	65	192	340
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Totals	378	244	1039	1661

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (three years)

*Thelma Ambler	314	181	796	1291
*Matilda Harper	298	177	784	1259
Blanks	144	130	488	762
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Totals	756	488	2078	2322

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (two years)

*Marie C. Crouse	294	174	793	1261
*Marjorie H. Stanley	280	183	762	1225
Blanks	182	131	523	836
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Totals	756	488	2078	2322
Constables (one year)				

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (one year)

*Lillian Arel	297	174	801	1272
Blanks	81	70	238	389
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Totals	378	244	1039	1661

CONSTABLES (one year)

*Walter Chapdelaine	293	191	814	1298
*Harold E. Cook	297	179	821	1297
*Romeo P. Godin	292	178	804	1274
*Wilfred LeBlanc	284	184	798	1266
Blanks	346	244	919	1509
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Totals	1512	976	4156	6644

HOUSING AUTHORITY (five years)

Windsor Bates	1	0	0	1
*Emile Masse	1	0	22	23
Henry Guerin	0	0	1	1
Henry Roy	0	0	1	1
Henry Forget	0	0	1	1
Waldo Cook Jr.	0	0	2	2
Leo A. Gosselin	0	0	1	1
Norbet Grenier	0	0	3	3
Sylvio Dalpe	0	0	1	1
Andor de Jony	0	0	1	1
Blanks	376	244	1006	1626
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Totals	378	244	1039	1661

*ELECTED.

Total vote:	Precinct No. 1	378
	Precinct No. 2	244
	Precinct No. 3	1039
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Total		1661

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 6, 1953

In accordance with the foregoing warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on January 26, 1953, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the High School Auditorium in Bellingham on Friday, March 6, 1953 at 8:00 P.M., and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Moderator Alfred E. Staves, followed by the reading of the warrant by Town Clerk Lionel R. Trudeau. There being more than thirty-five voters present, the quorum required by the by-laws was established.

ARTICLE 1.

Item 1. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35. for Moderator's salary.

Item 2. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50. for the Finance Committee.

Item 3. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1800. for the Selectmen's dept.; said sum to be used as follows: the salary of the Chairman to be \$350. and the salary of each of the other two members to be \$300. retro-active to January 1, 1953 and to authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Clerk at the salary of \$10. per week.

Item 4. On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1853. for the Accountant's Dept.

Item 5. On motion of Alice Bourre, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2650. for the Tax Collector's Dept. the salary of the Tax Collector to be \$1700.

Item 6. On motion of Henry Boulais, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2300. for the Treasurer's Dept.; the salary of the Treasurer to be \$1700.

Item 7. On motion of Walter Mostek, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4319. for the Assessors Dept.

The salaries of the Assessors not to exceed \$3000. and the Assessors to be paid at the rate of \$8. per day. The balance of the appropriation to cover clerk, telephone, supplies, Assessors' meetings and dues.

Item 8. On motion of Walter Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70. for certifying notes.

Item 9. On motion of Bertrand Remillard, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500. for the Town Clerk's Dept.; the salary of the Town Clerk to be \$1020. retroactive to Jan. 1, 1953.

Item 10. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500. for Elections-registration Dept.

Item 11. On motion of Zephirin Remillard, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3700. for the Town Hall.

Item 12. On motion of Walter Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$620. for the No. Community Building.

Item 13. On motion of Zephirin Remillard, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000. for the So. Community Building.

Item 14. On motion of Euclide Fleurette, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9925. for the Police Dept. and that the Chief of the Police Dept. be authorized to spend an amount not to exceed \$1400 out of this appropriation toward the purchase price of a new cruiser car.

Item 15. On motion of Peter Kornicki, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5575. for the Fire Dept.

Item 16. On motion of Peter Kornicki, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2830. for Forest Fires.

Item 17. On motion of Roger Rue, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125, for Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Item 18. On motion of Leo Stearns, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800. for Tree Warden's Dept.

Item 19. On motion of Arthur Ayotte, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150. for moth extermination.

Item 20. On motion of Leo Stearns, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3900. for the Health Dept.

Item 21. On motion of Euclide Fleurette, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100. for police uniforms.

Item 22. On motion of James Wrenn, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500. for Highway Sand Cleaning.

Item 23. On motion of Walter Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6750. for Highways; said sum to be used in conjunction with State funds under Chapter 81.

Item 24. On motion of Walter Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000. for Highways; said sum to be used in conjunction with State & County funds under Chapter 90.

Item 25. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3500. for Highway General.

Item 26. On motion of Zephirin Remillard, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000. for Bridges and Railings.

Item 27. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9000. for Snow Removal & Sanding.

Item 28. On motion of Walter Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700. for Signs & Guideboards.

Item 29. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5700. for Street Lighting.

Item 30. On motion of Zephirin Remillard, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000. for the Machinery Account.

Item 31. On motion of Leo Stearns, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500. for Public Welfare; the salary of the Chairman to be \$250. and the other members to be \$200. per year.

Item 32. On motion of Leo Stearns, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43460. for Old Age Assistance.

Item 33. On motion of Leo Stearns, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8000. for Aid to Dependent Children.

Item 34. On motion of James Wrenn, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11000. for Veterans' Benefits.

Item 35. On motion of Levi Smith, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$670. for Memorial & Armistice Days.

Item 36. On motion of Louis Daigle, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,000 for the School Dept.

Item 37. On motion of Louis Daigle, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500. for Vocational Training.

Item 38. On motion of Rodolphe Beauregard, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23000. for the Water Dept; the salaries of the Water Commissioners to be as follows: \$125. for the Chairman, \$100. for each of the other two members; and the Water Commissioners are authorized to appoint one of their members as clerk at a salary of \$500.

Item 39. On motion of James Yates, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1100. for cemeteries; said sum to be divided as follows: Center Cemetery \$400. for salary and \$100 for expenses; South Cemetery \$375. for salary and nothing for expenses; North Cemetery \$200. for salary and \$25. for expenses.

Item 40. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1250. for Town Reports.

Item 41. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600. for Town Counsel.

Item 42. On motion of Walter Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300. for Damages to property and injuries to persons.

Item 43. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500. for the Municipal Athletic Field.

Item 44. On motion of Walter Richard, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1800. for Maturing Debt.

Item 45. On motion of James Wrenn, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5993. for interest.

Item 46. On motion of Zephirin Remillard, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000. for the Reserve Fund.

Item 47. On motion of Zephirin Remillard, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500. for the Town Library Fund; the salaries of active trustees to be \$50. per year; said sum to be raised as follows: \$679.35 by transfer from the dog license fund and \$820.65 by taxation.

Item 48. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this item.

Item 49. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2052.20 for the Norflok County Retirement System.

Item. 50. On motion of Leo Stearns, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for Town Bldg. insurance (excluding school buildings).

Item 51. On motion of Walter Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150. for the Inspector of Wires.

Item 52. On motion of James Wrenn, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250. for sidewalk maintenance.

Item 53. On motion of Leo Stearns, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3500. for Disability Assistance.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of James Wrenn, duly seconded, it was voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 General Laws.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Walter Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for improvements and repairs to the following town buildings: No. Community Bldg. \$200.; So. Community Bldg. \$200.; and Town Hall \$500.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Zephirin Remillard, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7200, for the purchase of two Highway dump trucks; and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in the two old trucks as part of the purchase price.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000. for the purpose of improving and widening Pulaski Blvd. from Westminster Street to So. Main St.; said sum to be expended in conjunction with a contribution of \$3000. from the County and \$6000. from the State under Chapter 90.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000. for the construction of a concrete and stone bridge over Peter's River on Wrentham Street; said construction to include approaches between Muron Street and Elbow Street; and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum of \$25,000. and to issue notes of the Town therefor payable in not more than twenty years in accordance with clause 4 of section 7 chapter 44, General laws.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000. for the purpose of improving and repairing the following streets: Muron Ave. \$800.; drain Freeman St. \$800.; Linwood Ave. \$800.; and Poirier St. \$600.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Norbert Martel, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1800. for the purpose of improving and repairing Mansion Street.

ARTICLE 10. On motion of Sylvio Dalpe, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3500. for the purpose of improving and repairing Lake St. from the Cemetery to Pulaski Blvd.

ARTICLE 11. On motion of Zephirin Remillard, duly seconded, it was voted to accept deeds and layouts of the following streets: Pioneer St. from Center St.; Pelletier Drive from Lakeside Drive; extension of Winter St. 600 ft. and Stenson St.

ARTICLE 12. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 13. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3600. for the purpose of improving and repairing Locust St.

ARTICLE 14. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 15. On motion of Henry Boulais, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3800. for the improvement of Mohawk St. from Cranberry Meadow Road to Blackstone-Bellingham Town Line.

ARTICLE 16. On motion of Joseph Yerka, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2800. for the purpose of improving and repairing Canberry Meadow Road.

ARTICLE 17. On motion of Eugene Lemire, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 18. On motion of Clement Brisson, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3500. for the purpose of improving Brisson St.

ARTICLE 19. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 20. On motion of Walter Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000. for Farm St.

ARTICLE 21. On motion of Henry Guerin, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2200. for the purpose of improving and repairing Winter Street.

ARTICLE 22. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to accept the deed and layout of a street now known as Railroad Street running northwesterly from Hartford Ave. in the Caryville section; said street to be known as Stone Street.

ARTICLE 23. On motion of Peter Kornicki, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1300. for the purchase of two Emerson resuscitators for use in the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 24. On motion of Louis Daigle, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300. for High School Athletics.

ARTICLE 25. On motion of Louis Daigle, duly seconded, it was voted to appoint a committee of nine members for the purpose of investigating school-housing conditions in Bellingham; said committee to consist of the following: The three members of the Board of Selectmen; three members of the School Committee; and three members to be chosen jointly by the above six members. Said committee to report its findings and recommendations at the next subsequent Town Meeting in regard to the advisability of constructing a new school building.

ARTICLE 26. On motion of Ovila Majeau, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000. for the purchase of a new truck for the Water Dept. including the trade-in value of one 1947 Chevorlet truck.

ARTICLE 27. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 28. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 29. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1800. for the improvement of Easy St. said work to be done after drainage and grade of road meet with the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 30. On motion of Robert Connolly, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800. for the purpose of dredging brook on both sides of Lowland Road.

ARTICLE 31. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a Committee of five members to investigate garbage and rubbish disposal a the present site on Center Street and said committee to report its findings at the next Special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 32. On motion of Arthur Trottier, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700. for the improvement of Orchard Street.

ARTICLE 33. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to install street lights on the following streets: Pickering Street 2 lights Elm Sreet 1 light; Archer Street 2 lights; and Moody Street 1 light.

ARTICLE 34. On motion of Roger Drapeau, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000. for the installation of water mains and hydrants and other appurtenances in that certain street known as Railroad Street in the Caryville section; this being the same street accepted under Article 22 of this Warrant. (Now called Stone Street) On motion of James Wrenn, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 11:40 p. m.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 11, 1953

Norfolk SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham in the County of Norfolk

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Bellingham Town Hall in said Bellingham on Monday the 11th day of May next at 8:00 o'clock in the p. m. noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the Highway Machinery Account; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Machinery Account; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a school-building committee; and to authorize this committee to undertake all preliminary work relative to the construction of a new school building in the Tow of Bellingham; and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray any and all expenses incurred by said school-building committee in connection with the aforementioned preliminary work; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,000. from the Surplus Revenue Account for the purpose of reducing the 1953 Tax Rate; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least one public place in each precinct in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 4th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

Selectmen of Bellingham,

ZEPHIRIN J. REMILLARD,
WALTER P. LEWINSKI,
ALFRED M. COTE

A true copy.

ATTEST: HAROLD E. COOK, Constable

RETURN OF WARRANT

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in primaries and elections to meet at the time, place, and for the purpose within stated by posting up attest copies of this warrant in at least one public place in each precinct of the Town as required by the by-laws, seven days at least before said meeting as within directed.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 11, 1953

In accordance with the foregoing warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on May 4, 1953, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in Bellingham on Monday, May 11, 1953 at 8:00 p.m. and proceeded to act on the articles of the Warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Town Clerk Lionel R. Trudeau in the absence of Moderator Alfred E. Staves. There being more than 35 voters present the by-law required quorum was established. On motion of Henry Boulais, duly seconded, it was voted that Edwin H. Maticik be elected Moderator pro-tem for this meeting.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Walter P. Lewinski, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1100. for the Highway Machinery Account; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Machinery Revenue Account.

ARTICLE 2. Report of School-housing Investigating Committee given by David L. Tuttle, Chairman. On Motion of Alfred M. Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to accept the findings of the Committee as read by Chairman Tuttle.

On motion of James E. Wrenn, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Town appoint the present members of the Bellingham School-housing Investigating Committee, namely David L. Tuttle, Donald A. Varney, William A. Crouse, Zephirin J. Remillard, Alfred M. Cote, Walter P. Lewinski, Lionel R. Trudeau, Ernest Dubois, and Louis Daigle to serve as the Bellingham School-building Committee; and to authorize this committee to undertake all preliminary work relative to the construction of a new school building in the Town of Bellingham; and that the sum of \$2000. be raised and appropriated to defray any and all expenses incurred by said School-building Committee for engineering fees, legal fees, surveys, printing, and other preliminary matter.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Alfred M. Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1200. for the purpose of reducing the 1953 Tax Rate; said sum to be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account.

On motion of Andor de Jony, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the Warrant at 9:15 p.-m.

WARRANT

Special Town Meeting

October 26, 1953

Norfolk ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Bellingham in the County of Norfolk, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Bellingham Town Hall in said Bellingham on Monday October 26, 1953 at 8:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Highway Machinery Account; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Machinery Revenue Account; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Treasurer's Department; said sum to be raised by transfer from available funds; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Fire Department; said sum to be raised by transfer from available funds; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Forest Fires; said sum to be raised by transfer from available funds; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Bellingham School Building Committee to purchase from Ida J. Morin, for a school building site and for other school purposes that certain tract of land containing approximately thirty-six acres and located on the easterly side of South Main Street in the southerly part of

Bellingham bounded as follows: westerly by South Main Street, northerly by land of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, southerly and southwesterly by land platted as "Social Annex" and now owned by the Town of Bellingham, easterly and southeasterly by land of various owners and being the same premises described in a deed of Albnie F. Aubuchon to Axilda Morin and Ida J. Morin, dated March 23, 1936 recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 2103 page 350 to which reference may be had for a more particular description; and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5000.) Dollars for the purchase of said land; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of preparing the site described in Article 5 of this Warrant for a topographical survey and obtaining said topographical survey and plan; said money to be expended under the supervision of the Bellingham School Building Committee; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to accept the deeds and layouts of the following streets: Irvin Street, Spruce Street and Atlanta Avenue; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to accept the deeds and layouts of the following streets located at Scott Hill Acres: Douglas Drive, James Street, Rondeau Street, and Silver Avenue; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of installing water mains of not less than six inches in diameter on the following streets: Douglas Drive, James Street, Rondeau Street and Silver Avenue with the provision that all excavating and backfilling be performed by United Builders at their expense; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of extending and laying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter on Depot Street beginning at North Main Street; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of laying water mains

of not less than six inches in diameter along Lake Street beginning at McCarthy's Corner so-called; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of laying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter on Lakeview Avenue at Silver Lake; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of extending and laying water mains on Scott Hill Blvd. to Lakeshore Drive; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to accept the deeds and layouts of Indian Run Road and Rogers Street at Lake Hiawatha; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of laying water mains of not less than six inches on Indian Run Road at Lake Hiawatha; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least one public place in each precinct in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 17th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

Selectmen of Bellingham,

ZEPHIRIN J. REMILLARD,
WALTER P. LEWINSKI,
ALFRED M. COTE.

A true copy.

'ATTEST: Harold E. Cook, Constable.

RETURN OF WARRANT

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in primaries and elections to meet at the time, place, and for the purpose within stated by posting

up attested copies of this warrant in at least one public place in each precinct of the Town as required by the town by-laws seven days at least before said meeting as within directed.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 26, 1953

In accordance with the foregoing warrant given under the hand of the Selectmen on October 17, 1953, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in Bellingham on Monday October 26, 1953 at 8:00 p. m. and proceed to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Town Clerk Lionel R. Trudeau in the absence of Moderator Alfred E. Staves. There being more than 35 voters present the by-law required quorum was established.

On motion of Henry Boulais, duly seconded, it was voted to elect Andor de Jony as Moderator pro-tem for this meeting.

A protest to the legality of the meeting was filed by Alex Galuza on the grounds that the Finance Committee had not held public hearings on the articles in accordance with the Town by-laws.

Town Counsel Leo A. Gosselin then ruled that the by-law referred to by Alex Galuza was directory and not mandatory and that therefor the failure of the Finance Committee to hold public hearings did not invalidate the town meeting itself.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1997.50 for the Highway Machinery Account; said sum to be raised by transfer of \$1997.50 from the Machinery Revenue Account. Unanimously carried. Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 2. On motion of James Wrenn, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195. for the Treasurer's Department. said sum to be raised by transfer of \$195. from the Interest Account. Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Alfred M. Cote, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$635. for

the Fire Department; said sum to be raised by transfer as follows: \$200. from the Town Bldg. Insurance Account, \$70. from the Resuscitation Account, \$300. from the Street Lighting Account, \$65. from the Town Report Account for a total of \$635.

Town Report Account for a total of \$635. Recommended by Finance

Committee

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Peter Kornicki, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to appropriate the sum of \$1000. for Forest Fires; said sum to be raised by transfer of \$1000. from the Overlay Surplus Account. Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 5. On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to authorize the Bellingham School Building Committee to purchase from Ida J. Morin, for a school building site and for other school purposes, that certain tract of land containing approximately thirty-six acres and located on the easterly side of South Main Street in the southerly part of Bellingham, bounded as follows:

Westerly by South Main Street, northerly by land of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, southerly and southwesterly by land platted as "Social Annex" and now owned by the Town of Bellingham, easterly and southeasterly by land of various owners; and being the same premises described in a deed of Albanie F. Aubuchon to Axilda Morin and Ida J. Morin, dated March 23, 1936, recorded with Norfolk deeds, Book 2103 page 350, to which reference may be had for a more particular description; and that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000. for the purchase of said land; said sum to be raised by transfer from Overlay Surplus.

Vote: 111 in favor
1 opposed
2/3 being 74, motion carried.

Finance Committee recommended

ARTICLE 6. On motion of William Crouse, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000. for the purpose of preparing the site described in Article 5 of this Warrant for a topographical survey and obtaining said topographical survey and plan; said money to be expended under the supervision and control of the Bellingham School Building Committee; said sum to be raised out of the 1954 tax levy. Finance Committee recommended

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Wilfred Arcand, as amended by Lionel R. Trudeau, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Selectmen to accept the deeds and layouts of the following streets: Irvin Street from Mann Street and running westerly for a distance of 800 feet and that the name of Irvin Street to be changed to Oak Terrace, Spruce Street from Mohawk Street to Indian Run Road for distance of 600 feet, and Atlanta Avenue from Paine Street to Key Street for 250 feet. Finance Committee recommended

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Frederick Holmstrom, as amended by Joseph Chamberlain and Wilfrid Dufresne, it was voted to postpone action on this article to a future Town Meeting.

(see motion to reconsider below)

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Leo A. Stearns, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000. to install water mains of not less than six inches on the following streets at Scott Hill Acres: Douglas Drive 2000 feet, James Street 1000 feet, Rondeau Road 1000 feet, Silver Avenue 1000 feet; said money to be appropriated with the understanding that all excavation and back fill for mains and installations to be performed by the United Builders Inc. and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow the said sum of \$12,000. and to issue notes or bonds of the Town therefor payable in not more than fifteen years in accordance with clause 5 of section 8 of Chapter 44 Gen. Laws. Not recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 10. On motion of Mrs. John Taylor, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4224. to extend water mains of not less than six inches in diameter on Depot Street beginning at No. Main Street to a distance of 1056 feet; said sum to include the installation of water mains, hydrants, valves and other appurtenances; and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow said sum of money and to issue notes or bonds of the Town therefor payable in not more than fifteen years in accordance with clause 5 of section 8, Chapter 44, General Laws. Not recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 11. On motion of Chester Barrows, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,856. to extend water mains of not less than six inches in diameter on Lake Street from McCarthy's Corner northerly to Farm of Elmer Crooks. Said sum to include the installation of water mains, hydrants, valves

and other appurtenances; and to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow said sum of money and to issue notes or bonds of the Town therefor payable in not more than fifteen years in accordance with clause 5 of Section 8 of Chapter 44, General Laws. Not recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 12. On motion of Edwin Matacik, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article. Not recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 13. On motion of Ernest Moulson, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600. to install six inch mains and appurtenances in continuation of existing main on Scott Hill Blvd. and to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow said sum of money and to issue notes or bonds of the Town therefor payable in not more than fifteen years in accordance with clause 5 of Section 8 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 14. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 15. On motion of Alfred Cote, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

On motion of Leo A. Stearns, duly seconded, it was voted to reconsider Article 8.

On motion of Alfred M. Cote, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Selectmen to accept the deeds and layouts of the following named streets located at Scott Hill Acres: Douglas Drive from South Main Street running easterly for 2180 feet, James Street from Pond Street to Geordan Street for 1513 feet, Rondeau Street from Pond Street to Geordan Street for 1324 feet, and Silver Avenue from Pond Street to Geordan Street for 1410 feet. Recommended conditionally by Finance Committee

On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 10:25 p.m.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 28, 1953

Norfolk ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham in the County of Norfolk Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on the 28th day of December next, at 8:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for snow removal; said sum to be raised by transfer from available funds or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the Police Department; said sum to be raised by transfer from available funds or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the Welfare Department; said sum to be raised by transfer from available funds or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken under Article 6 of the Warrant at the Annual Town Meeting held March 6, 1953 with reference to the construction of a bridge over Peter's River on Wrentham Street or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the Water Department; said sum to be raised by transfer from available funds or act or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least one public place in each precinct in accordance with the Town by-law in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 17th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

ZEPHIRIN J. REMILLARD
ALFRED M. COTE
WALTER P. LEWINSKI
Selectmen of Bellingham,

A true copy.

ATTEST: HAROLD E. COOK, Constabel

RETURN OF 'THE WARRANT

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham, qualified by law to vote in primaries and elections to meet at the time, place, and for the purpose within stated by posting up attested copies of the same in at least one public place in each precinct in accordance with the Town By-laws, seven days before the date hereof as within directed.

HAROLD E. COOK, Constable of Bellingham.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 28, 1953

In accordance with the foregoing warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on the 17th day of December, 1953, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in Bellingham on Monday December 28, 1953 at 8:00 p. m. and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p. m. by Moderator Alfred Staves. There being 40 voters present, the by-law required quorum was established.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Zephirin J. Remillard, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article. Finance Committee recommended passing over

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Zephirin J. Remillard, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article. Finance Committee recommended passing over

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Leo A. Stearns, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500. for the Welfare Dept.; said sum to be raised by transfer from the Old Age Assistance Account. Finance Committee recommended

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Alfred M. Cote, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to rescind the action taken under Article 6 of the Warrant at the Annual Town Meeting held March 6, 1953 with reference to the construction of a bridge over Peter's River on Wrentham Road. Finance Committee recommended

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Rodolphe Beauregard, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$262.76 for the Water Department; said sum to be raised by transfer of \$141.77 from the Well Testiing Appropriation and \$120.99 from the Well Contract appropriation. Not recommended by Finance Committee.

On motion of James Wrenn, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to dissolve the Warrant at 8:25 p.m.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1953

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents
January		
5	Richard F. Andreoni	Eugene and Edith (Nicolini) Andreoni
8	Brenda Lee Cole	Albert and Emily (Beaudoin) Cole
9	John Scott Heavey	Thomas and Pauline (Newton) Heavey
13	Frank Dino Gaudini	Frank and Cecile (St. Andre) Gaudini
14	William R. Berthiaume	Roland and Anita (Faford) Berthiaume
14	James R. Lavallee	Walter and Anna (Lesperance) Lavallee
17	Nancy Ann Verhoest	Julien and Vivian (Frates) Verhoest
18	Wendy Anne Woodman	Walter & Dorothy (Harroun) Woodman
February		
3	Mary Lou Desjarlais	Lawrence & Anna (Powers) Desjarlais
7	Lovejoy	Jerry & Constance (Bolduc) Lovejoy
15	Paulette E. Trudeau	Lionel & Constance (Godin) Trudeau
23	Elaine Ruth Peters	Harold & Irene (Angus) Peters
26	James W. Chilson	Lloyd & Beatrice (Munroe) Chilson
March		
3	Linda D. Woodman	Edward & Mildred (Silva) Woodman
11	Denise D. Dauphin	Armand & Marie (Drolet) Dauphin
11	Woodman	Wilbur & Dolores (Mello) Woodman
12	Richard R. Hadley	Willis & Alice (Clark) Hadley
12	Richard M. Cournoyer	Armand & Cecile (Laplante) Cournoyer
20	Deborah G. Gadbois	William & Marjorie (Arnold) Gadbois
22	Maurice G. Patrick	Maurice & Beatrice (Leblanc) Patrick
27	Suzanne L. Anger	Albert & Lucienne (Belanger) Anger
29	Cynthia L. Lavalley	John & Janice (Sears) Lavalley
April		
1	Eleni S. Coniaris	Peter & Georgia (Reveliotis) Coniaris
4	Ann E. Chisholm	James & Helen (Tedeschi) Chisholm
5	Marc R. Ladouceur	Raymond & Pauline (Bouvier) Ladouceur
11	Dean M. Maculan	Dino & Rena (Rotatori) Maculan
12	William Cleveland	Chester & Phyllis (Berry) Cleveland
12	Cormier	Francis & Helen (Dolan) Cormier
13	Rochelle C. Masse	Lucien & Annette (Remillard) Masse
16	David N. Visbeck	Cornelius & Evelyn (Limerick) Visbeck
20	John C. Lanata Jr.	John & Rita (Thornton) Lanata
21	Deborah S. Rhodes	Lloyd & Barbara (Dufresne) Rhodes

23	Michael E. Hachey	George & Reta (Johnson) Hachey
24	Charlene A. Remillard	Lionel & Germaine (Benjamin) Remillard
25	Wilfrid J. R. Dufresne	Wilfrid & Edna (Boudreau) Dufresne
27	Francis R. Recore	Eugene & Ernestine (Kern) Recore
27	Sandra Ann Clerc	Rene & Rosebelle (Beaulieu) Clerc
30	Susan V. Vasile	Edward & Gladys (Wiberg) Vasile

May

3	Glenn A. Pederson	Ralph & Ruth (Mabey) Pederson
5	Norbert J. Leclaire Jr.	Norbert & Doris (Milliard) Leclaire
8	Douglas A. Curtis	Gordon & Joyce (Pickering) Curtis
10	Ann Marie Belliveau	Roland & Celia (Villani) Belliveau
12	Diane J. Verhoest	Ernest & Joan (Kaczneski) Verhoest
20	Eric C. Smith	Robert & Florence (St. Pierre) Smith
27	Beauregard	Rodolphe & Doris (Cote) Beauregard

June

7	Gary F. Cronan	William & Renee (Ravenelle) Cronan
7	Suzanne L. Oakes	Alfred & Elizabeth (Boyer) Oakes
10	Christine P. Corrieri	Rinaldo & Stella (Godin) Corrieri
10	Windsor C. Bates	Windsor & Lucienne (Colmont) Bates
15	Haynes	Richard & Margaret (Hicks) Haynes
16	William C. Brisson	Clement & Sylvia (Gabrielson) Brisson
27	June A. Decasse	Anthony & Yvette (Levine) Decasse

July

1	Jacques A. Marchand	Arthur & Lucille (Boutiette) Marchand
2	June A. Baldiga	Stanley & Lucille (Bodreau) Baldiga
3	Raymond J. Pouliot	Alfred & Francis (Clark) Pouliot
4	James Krikorian	Ardashes & Virkin (Panagian) Krikorian
4	Renee C. Limoges	Roland & Beatrice (Lataille) Limoges
11	Kenneth O. Moore	Donald & Ruth (Stone) Moore
16	Lorraine Constantineau	Adrien & Rena (Lavallee) Constantineau
17	Brion D. Chamberlain	Daniel Florence (Henderson) Chamberlain
17	Raymond P. Gladu	Normand & Yvonne (Girouard) Gladu
20	Carol Ann Patrick	Lewis & Mildred (Pleau) Patrick
24	Shirley H. Arnold	Norman & Vivian (Beaudreau) Arnold
24	Sheila P. Arnold	Norman & Vivian (Beaudreau) Arnold

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| 27 Deborah A. Allard | Arthur & Norma (Armstrong) Allard |
| 30 Candy E. Pleau | Richard & Marjorie (Nelson) Pleau |

August

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| 4 Debra Jay Vadeboncoeur | Marcel & Jean (Savignac) Vadeboncoeur |
| 6 Dennis R. Dubois | Richard & Helene (Beauregard) Dubois |
| 13 Robert G. Armstrong Jr. | Robert & Ethelyn (Ellis) Armstrong |
| 13 Therese E. Marchand | Leo & Grace (Frappier) Marchand |
| 21 Robert J. Dubois | Julien & Florida (Landreville) Dubois |
| 22 Dolores A. Poisson | Albert & D. Rosa (Poirier) Poisson |
| 25 Michael E. O'Brien | William & Irene (Wilde) O'Brien |
| 26 Eva M. Weston | Daniel & Elizabeth (Stratman) Weston |
| 27 James R. Whalley | Edward & Norma (Lee) Whalley |

September

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| 3 Carl J. Ryfa | John & Victoria (Alexander) Ryfa |
| 9 Arthur S. Armstrong | Kenneth & Jeanette (Brunelle) Armstrong |
| 19 Accorsi | Robert & Ethel (Gaskill) Accorsi |
| 24 Dahlstrom | Harold & Joan (Asbury) Dahlstrom |
| 25 Kathleen M. Glowka | Victor & Lillian (Trainque) Glowka |
| 25 Evelyn Rose Rattie | Alfred & Stella (Tweedly) Rattie |
| 25 Robert G. Constantineau | Raymond & Adrienne (Desjarlais) Constantineau |
| 28 Albert E. Laplante | Donat & Jeannette (Pirani) Laplante |
| 29 Simone B. Genereux | Gerard & Florence (Remillard) Genereux |

October

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| 2 Anita L. Richer | Albert & Juliette (Cloutier) Richer |
| 2 Rita A. Richer | Albert & Juliette (Cloutier) Richer |
| 2 Robert L. Recore | Raymond & Lorraine (Casey) Recore |
| 6 Richard E. Roy | Robert & Marie (Bouley) Roy |
| 8 Michael J. McDermott | Joseph & Marie (D'Aniello) McDermott |
| 13 Randall D. Bernier | Armand & Pauline (Beaudreau) Bernier |
| 15 Jeanne C. Lamothe | Ernest & Blanche (Chamberland) Lamothe |
| 24 Richard J. Mancini | Joseph & Emma (Scungio) Mancini |
| 28 Steven E. Cook | Harold & Jeannette (Collins) Cook Jr. |
| 28 Daniel J. Conroy | Daniel & Joan (Szalda) Conroy |
| 31 Marsha L. Bennett | Theodore & Martha (Armitage) Bennett |

November

1	Wilford E. Clarke	John & Helen (Dodge) Clarke
2	Carol Ann Romiti	Adolfo & Grace (Houle) Romiti
5	Rosemarie A. Daly	Harry & Claire (Richard) Daly
10	Alan F. Bogan	Kenneth & June (Craighton) Bogan
15	Michael P. Brady	Richard & Helen (Fannon) Brady
18	Janet L. Kinnel	Francis & Gladys (Overton) Kinnel
30	Ruth Ann Kucharski	John & Rita (Casavant) Kucharski

December

1	Wayne S. Spikula	Stanley & Beatrice (Richardson) Spikula
3	Donald C. Doiron	Edgar & Lorraine (Labossiere) Doiron
4	Karakeian	Nishian & Elizabeth (Bedirian) Karakeian
5	Wallace R. Berthiaume	Roland & Anita (Fafard) Berthiaume
5	Mary Ellen Carr	John & Mary (Merrill) Carr
6	James H. Taylor	William & Karen (Flinton) Taylor
8	Gerard L. Chevalier	Roland & Claire (Beise) Chevalier
15	Jane E. Baisley	William & Cecelia (Collamati) Baisley
28	Claudette A. Beauregard	Albert & Lorette (Charon) Beauregard

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1953

Date	Name	Residence
January		
29	Warren Joseph Slavin	Milford, Mass.
	Barbara A. (Pastor) Melanson	Milford, Mass.
February		
7	Chester Ellis	Natick, Mass.
	Mae (LaMountain) Boudreau	Natick, Mass.
7	Roland L. Rousseau	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Rose M. Biron	Bellingham, Mass.
11	Alton A. Manzo	Uxbridge, Mass.
	Carol Kollett	Bellingham, Mass.
14	Kenneth Armstrong	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Jeannette Brunelle	Bellingham, Mass.
14	David L. Tuttle, Jr.	Bellingham, Mass.
	Margaret Tracy	Uxbridge, Mass.
14	Conrad Pretto	Bellingham, Mass.
	Yvette Gelinis	Bellingham, Mass.
21	Robert A. Desjardins	Bellingham, Mass.
	Gloria Louise Cormier	Woonsocket, R. I.
21	William Peck	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Mary (Ciaburri) Swanby	Woonsocket, R. I.
March		
7	Anthony J. Aquino, Jr.	W. Medway, Mass.
	Barbara Ann Simmons	Milford, Mass.
13	Peter Solbo	Riveradge, N. J.
	Cheryl Illingworth	Schenectady, N. Y.
28	Harold E. Cook, Jr.	Bellingham, Mass.
	Jeannette Collins	Bellingham, Mass.
28	Armando Delasanta, Jr.	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Barbara Fortin	Bellingham, Mass.
April		
11	Leonard D. O'Hara	Bellingham, Mass.
	Margaret M. Greedon	Wakefield, Mass.
11	John Leo Lacouture	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Lucille A. Garneau	Bellingham, Mass.
18	Edgar G. Chevalier	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Angela A. Gigante	Bellingham, Mass.

May

3	Harold Lee Davis	Muncie, Indiana
	Vasilichia Mazdrachi	Bellingham, Mass.
9	Virginio Cabral	Fall River, Mass.
	Barbara Ann Breen	Bellingham, Mass.
10	Alva A. Brown, Jr.	Brookline, Mass.
	Jacqueline T. Cournoyer	Bellingham, Mass.
23	Leonard J. DiSabito	Milford, Mass.
	Courtney A. (Hicks) Driggers	Milford, Mass.
23	Claude A. Roberts	Manville, R. I.
	Janet T. Fleurette	Bellingham, Mass.
23	Lucien J. Leclaire	Bellingham, Mass.
	Jacqueline G. Thibault	Woonsocket, R. I.
30	Lucien Debigare	Bellingham, Mass.
	Eleanor Bojok	Bellingham, Mass.

June

4	Eugene C. Glode	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Helen O. Slavin	Milford, Mass.
6	Dino Gaudini	Bellingham, Mass.
	Pauline M. Allain	Bellingham, Mass.
13	Maurice Picard	Bellingham, Mass.
	Lucienne Jacob	Woonsocket, R. I.
20	Paul Gelinaz	Bellingham, Mass.
	Jeannine Turcotte	Bellingham, Mass.
27	Peter James Gibson	Hopedale, Mass.
	Velia M. Fratta	Milford, Mass.
27	Robert L. Belliveau	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Claire C. Caya	Bellingham, Mass.

July

4	Joseph E. Kula	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Constance (Leduc) Calabrese	Woonsocket, R. I.
4	Frank Caccavelli, Jr.	Milford, Mass.
	Marie DiPietro	Bellingham, Mass.
4	George J. Giguere	Bellingham, Mass.
	Lucille I. Ethier	Blackstone, Mass.
5	Ernest A. Staves	Bellingham, Mass.
	Barbara Patterson	Norwood, Mass.

August

1	Lucien R. LeBlanc	Bellingham, Mass.
	'Albina A. Morel	Woonsocket, R. I.
3	Urbain J. Savaria, Jr.	Bellingham, Mass.
	Paulette G. Montay	Woonsocket, R. I.
8	Jean Paul Laferriere	Bellingham, Mass.
	Lucille Crenier	Bellingham, Mass.
8	Stanley Fabian	Bellingham, Mass.
	Frances Harrison	Millville, Mass.
9	James J. Petrone	Bellingham, Mass.
	Roseanna Mason	Bellingham, Mass.
15	Joseph A. Goudreau	Bellingham, Mass.
	Laura (Gagnon) Desmarais	Bellingham, Mass.
22	Joseph M. Ledoux	Bellingham, Mass.
	Helen Wesolowski	Bellingham, Mass.
28	Leonardo J. Parente, Jr.	Milford, Mass.
	Verna Hanna	Lake City, S. C.
29	Rene M. Choquet	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Lorraine J. Brunelle	Bellingham, Mass.
29	Fernand Dalpe	Bellingham, Mass.
	Cecile Godbout	Providence, R. I.
29	Ernest A. Lescarbeau	Bellingham, Mass.
	Jeanne T. (Grondines) Leduc	Woonsocket, R. I.

September

5	Gerard H. Gregoire	Bellingham, Mass.
	Mary A. Mucciarone	Franklin, Mass.
7	Rene Roy	Mendon, Mass.
	Theresa Bibeault	Bellingham, Mass.
12	John J. Brennan	Bellingham, Mass.
	Rita V. McCahill	Franklin, Mass.
12	Robert Belhumeur	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Claire Archambault	Bellingham, Mass.
12	Richard Losardo	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Dorothy Masse	Bellingham, Mass.
19	Harold P. Converse	Bellingham, Mass.
	Joanne C. Walker	Stoughton, Mass.
20	Samuel Kurlan	Milford, Mass.
	Rita (Bouthiette) Bodreau	Milford, Mass.

October

3	Charles S. Tomaso	Milford, Mass.
	'Aphrodite Rose Lassos	Milford, Mass.

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| 17 | Eugene An Wasnewsky | Medway, Mass. |
| | Bertha H. Rumski | Franklin, Mass. |
| 24 | Dennis Duquesnay | Bellingham, Mass. |
| | Cecile Boulanger | Northbridge, Mass. |
| 25 | Ronald C. Wilson | Bellingham, Mass. |
| | Claire A. Johnston | Franklin, Mass. |

November

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| 10 | Ralph Lombard Nutting | Bellingham, Mass. |
| | Gertrude (Kelley) Wales | Blackstone, Mass. |
| 11 | Eugene Corriveau | Bellingham, Mass. |
| | Pierrette M. Lesieur | Woonsocket, R. I. |
| 26 | Raymond Martin | Woonsocket, R. I. |
| | Claire Trottier | Bellingham, Mass. |

December

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| 8 | Walter A. Johnene | Bellingham, Mass. |
| | Edith Ellen Pratt | Bellingham, Mass. |
| 19 | Walter D. Bates | Bellingham, Mass. |
| | Flora E. (Paine) Stone | Northbridge, Mass. |
| 31 | Howard F. Donald | Hopedale, Mass. |
| | Bernice (Brown) Donald | Hopedale, Mass. |

DEATHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1953

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age
January		
10	Alex Kuchar	59
23	Paul Robidoux	53
February		
24	Cordelia Bricault	79
26	Elizabeth J. Thomas	54
April		
5	Mac 'A. Dee	57
9	Adrienne Veyret	74
11	Josephine Champagne	87
11	Claudia Trudeau	65
24	Annie E. Foley	60
26	Eugene B. Riordan	57
27	Patrick Dore	58
30	Leroy F. Osgood	74
May		
23	Elizabeth Henry	80
27	John A. Cross	86
30	Joseph Lavergne	53
June		
22	Josephine Jalbert	85
July		
20	Thomas F. McCann	7
22	William Tempest	80
29	Frank Beauparlant	78
August		
28	Alfred Dalpe	79

September

6	Victorine Raimond	89
13	Daniel F. Brown	82
18	Pauline Bokoski	65
27	Samuel Lavoie	50

October

15	Joseph Langevin	70
26	Johanna Ryan	74

November

4	Ellen Dooling	94
4	Rose A. Gallagher	76

December

15	David Poirier	75
21	Eugenia Coda	60
24	Alfred A. Sauvageau	55
30	E. Benjamin Staples	64

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED FOR DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Resident Fishing—289 at \$3.25		\$939.25
Resident Hunting—118 at \$3.25		383.50
Resident Sporting—86 at \$5.25		451.50
Resident Minor Fishing—47 at \$1.25		58.75
Resident Female Fishing—52 at \$2.25		117.00
Resident Minor Trapping—4 at \$2.25		9.00
Resident Trapping—7 at \$7.75		54.25
Non-resident 3-day Fishing—3 at \$2.75		8.25
Non-resident Minor Fishing—12 at \$2.25		27.00
Non-resident Fishing—145 at \$7.75		1123.75
Non-resident Hunting—25 at \$15.25		381.25
Non-resident Sporting—4 at \$20.25		81.00
Duplicate Licenses—5 at .50		2.50
Non-resident Military or Naval Sporting—6 at \$2.00		12.00
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Resident Sporting (free) 13		
Resident Military (free) 11		
Resident Fishing (free) 2		
Total	829	\$3649.00

DOG LICENSES ISSUED FOR 1953

Male—246 at \$2.00		\$492.00
Female—29 at \$5.00		145.00
Spayed Female—82 at \$2.00		164.00
Kennel—5 at \$10.00		50.00
Kennel—1 at \$25.00		25.00
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Total	363	\$876.00

A Resolution

WHEREAS—The 1952-53 basketball team at Bellingham High School has broken four school records by winning 17 straight games, scoring more than 100 points in a single game, winning 22 games out of 25 and scoring 1,691 points against all opponents, and

WHEREAS—The team went on to the semi-finals in Class D of the Eastern Massachusetts Tournament at Lynn, and

WHEREAS—The team won the Class B title in the 7th annual 'Assumption College Invitation Tournament at Worcester, and

WHEREAS—This splendid record has brought distinct honor to the Town of Bellingham, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED—That the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Bellingham, extends the official greetings and congratulations of the town to the members of the 1952-53 basketball team of Bellingham High School and their coach, Frank Flynn, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED—That a copy of this resolution be spread in the official records of the Town Clerk, and that a copy of same be forwarded to Principal Edward F. Collins of Bellingham High School.

GIVEN—At the Town of Bellingham, County of Norfolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, this 16th day of March, 1953.

ZEPHIRIN J. REMILLARD,
Chairman of Selectmen

ALFRED M. COTE,
Selectman

WALTER P. LEWINSKI,
Selectman

Received and entered in the Town Record Book on March 17, 1953.

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

One hundred and fifty dollars was spent during the current year which was a great help, but this appropriation is in sufficient and should be increased to take care of present existing conditions.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for their splendid co-operation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVIO DALPE, Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Trimming of trees was completed in every section of town and several trees that were deemed hazards had to be cut down. Due to the sleet storm in January, heavy damage caused several more trees to be cut, also many branches and limbs. Generally speaking the condition of trees is fairly good but this condition should be maintained by providing sufficient funds.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen for their co-operation during this past year.

Respectfully submitted.

SYLVIO DALPE, Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The Board of Public Welfare had and increase in its expenditures during 1953. This was due to poorer employment, heavier medical fees and hospitalization. The Board had several cases that received Relief because of illness. During 1953, due to the fact that many cases were settled in other towns and were state cases, the net cost of Welfare Assistance was not much in excess of 1952.

During the year, the total expenditures were \$17,617.03. \$698.97 was paid to other towns leaving the cost of assistance in the town of \$16,918.06. A break-down of the expenses of the Welfare Department for cases inside of Bellingham, is as follows:

Total Expenditures for Welfare	\$16,918.06
Less sums due from State	6,867.88
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Less sums due from other towns	6,101.62
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	3,948.56
Less administration	892.64
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Net cost of Relief rendered	3,055.92
Administration	892.64
Less federal and state reimbursements	329.54
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Net cost of administration	563.10

The cost of administration in 1952 was \$832.01 and the 1953 expenditure represents a decrease over that figure. The total appropriated increase over 1952 was \$4630.59. The net increase over 1952 to the taxpayers of Bellingham was only \$520.68.

It is well to note that Bellingham's percentage of actual net cost of Relief is only 18 percent of the total cost of Relief rendered in the town, exclusive of administration.

REPORT OF BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

During 1953, there was a decrease in the total expenditures for Old Age Assistance over the prior year.

It is well to remember that the administration of the Old Age Assistance department operates on rules and laws that are supervised by the State Department of Public Welfare. All payments made by the Bureau of Old Age Assistance are subject to audit by the State and Federal auditors. It is well to remember that these expenditures are subject to the Mass. Dept. of Welfare supervision and failure to comply with the State regulations would subject the local board to be penalized and failure of the State Department to pay the State and Federal reimbursement due the town because of improper administration of Relief, with the power of the State to refuse reimbursement to the local communities for expenditures made without their approval. It is easy to see that the local board has very little control over the eligibility of the case, the amount to be paid the same and other administration of the Old Age Assistance.

The Bellingham Bureau has to administer Old Age Assistance according to the law and secure as much back from the Federal and State and other towns as possible. The following figures will show how well the Bellingham Bureau of Old Age Assistance has performed this service to the taxpayers of the Town of Bellingham:

Total payrolls	\$65,897.03
Less federal share	32,812.19
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	33,084.84
Less State share	24,240.71
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	8,844.13
Less sums due from other towns	379.61
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	8,464.52

This net cost represents but 12.8 per cent of the total cost of Old Age Assistance to the taxpayers of Bellingham. The Bureau aided 96 cases during the year. It actually received \$32,820.42 from the federal government and \$23,866.27 from the State. In addition, the Town is expected to collect for the year of 1953, the sum of \$2402.53 for Administration.

REPORT OF BUREAU OF AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

In this Department, the same rules govern it that govern Old Age Assistance. A case has the right to appeal over any decision of the local Board to the State Department of Public Welfare.

During the year of 1953, the Department aided 14 cases with 33 children. A breakdown of the Department's expenditures is as follows:

Total payroll	\$10,272.32
Less Federal reimbursement	5,485.70
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	4,786.62
Less State reimbursement	3,424.11
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Net cost	1,362.51

During 1953 the Town received \$5195.34 from the Federal government and \$3404.97 from other towns. It is anticipated that the expenditures during 1954 will be somewhat higher than 1953 unless present trend is reversed. The Federal government is expected to pay the sum of \$790.63 for Administration of Aid to Dependent Children for the year of 1953.

REPORT OF DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

This department, during the year of 1953, aided 7 cases. A breakdown on the total expenditures during 1953, is as follows:

Total Expenditures	\$5,043.44
Less Federal share	2,412.94
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	2,630.50
Less State share	1,369.57
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Net cost to Town	1,260.93

The Town actually received, from the Federal government during 1953 the sum of \$2606.46 and from the State the sum of \$1262.20. In addition the Federal government is expected to contribute \$409.44 for Administration and the State the sum of \$204.73 for Administration.

It is anticipated that the expenditures in 1954 in this department will be somewhat higher than in 1953 in view of the present case load.

In summarizing Administration, the Town is expected to collect \$3,807.38 from the State and Federal government for the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance. In addition to these sums, the Town is anticipating on collecting for travel mileage incurred for bringing other towns and State cases into Boston from Welfare to be included in Welfare and Old Age Assistance re-imbursements, the sum of \$392.00.

The Board of Public Welfare would like to extend to various Town officials his thanks for co-operation received during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

ROGER RUE

RAYMOND MOWRY

CHESTER GASKILL

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Gross Amount to be raised	474,805.15
Less: Total estimated receipts	230,762.75
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Net amount to be raised by taxation on	
Real, Personal and Polls	244,042.40
Number of Polls—1,348—Poll Tax	2,696.00
Total Value: Personal Property, \$411,442.00	17,692.00
Total Value: Real Estate, \$5,201,265.00	223,654.00

Tax Rate for 1953—\$43.00 Per Thousand

Due to the increased costs of running a Town that is growing rapidly, the Board of Assessors were unable to reduce the Tax Rate and were fortunate to be able to keep it at \$43.00 per thousand . . . despite a gain of \$486,565.00 in valuation.

Taking all this into consideration, we hope the appropriation at the annual Town Meeting of 1954 can be kept down to a reasonable amount so that the rate for 1954 can be held down to a reasonable rate.

We wish to thank the various Town Officials for the cooperation received during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLSWORTH R. BROOKS
EARL F. ROGERS
WALTER J. MOSTEK,
Board of Assessors.

MEMORIAL DAY AND ARMISTICE DAY REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Bellingham, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Memorial and Armistice Day Committee wish to report that the exercises were conducted on Sunday, May 24, 1953, in Precinct Two, also the committee made a complete flagging on Nov. 11, 1953.

The firing squad visited all cemeteries and fired a salute, also at all Honor Rolls and Squares.

The parade formed at the Post Office and then marched to the North Cemetery and held exercises, then returning to the Honor Roll where the exercises were concluded.

A buffet lunch was served in the Community Building by the Arnold Spencer American Legion Auxiliary.

The Arnold Spencer Post No. 218, American Legion, and its Auxiliary wish to thank the public and all those who so generously helped to make Poppy Day a success.

The committee wishes to thank the Town Officials and all organizations who participated in the parade.

MICHAEL J. SMITH, Chairman
JAMES WRENN
BYRON COOK
ALFRED STAVES
LEVI SMITH
HREVIE PREFONTAINE
JAMES YATES
OSCAR CHAMBERLAIN

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Slaughtering for the Town of Bellingham for the year ending December 31, 1953.

There has been very little slaughtering performed this past year but what was done was approved, and animals that were sold alive were taken to a licensed out of town slaughter house.

All domestic animals which are to be offered for sale or any part thereof must be inspected at time of slaughter. Domestic animals slaughtered for home use need not be inspected.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD P. JONES,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS & MILK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Cattle and Milk Inspector for the Town of Bellingham for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Recently, I made the inspection of all dairy farms, and dairies in the Town and found them all very satisfactory for which I thanked the owners.

I also made the annual inspection of all barns and recorded all known existing animals in the Town of Bellingham as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and in accordance with section 19, Chapter 129, of the General Laws and the outcome of said inspection I am firmly convinced that the producers in town are taking necessary measures to produce clean and sanitary milk.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN B. MANDEVILLE,
Inspector of Animals and Milk.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1953.

All places of business in the Town of Bellingham were visited by me after notification by public notice as the law requires, and also to pedlars as to licenses, weights, measures, etc., sealed and adjusted.

Platform over 10,000 lbs., adjust and sealed	1
Platform over 5,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs., adjusted and sealed	1
Platform over 5,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs., adjusted and sealed	1
Spring scale under 100 lbs., tested and sealed	4

Computing Scales under 100 lbs., tested and sealed	12
Liquid 1 gallon and under tested and sealed	1
Fuel Oil measuring pumps tested and sealed	2
Gasoline measuring pumps tested and sealed	27
Meter over one inch tested and sealed	2

Respectfully submitted,

ADRIEN TRUDEAU,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

Office of the

FIRE DEPARTMENT

South Bellingham, Mass.

January 6, 1954

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As Chief of the Fire Department and Forest Fire Warden, I hereby wish to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The alarms answered by both Departments are as follows:

Building Fires	21
Forest Fires	73
Dump Fires	9
Automobile Fires	4
Assistance to other towns	6
Smoke Scares—Honest Mistakes	2
First Aid—Accidents and Emergency Calls	5

TOTAL	120
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In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148 G.L. the following permits were issued during 1953:

Permits for storage of Liquified Petroleum (Philgas)	21
Permits issued to alter and install fuel oil burning equipment	137
Certificates issued for completion, installation or alteration of fuel oil burning equipment	136
Permits issued for storage of fuel oil	156
Blasting permits issued	4
TOTAL	454

The number of fires has increased again this year. However, this is to be expected with the growth of the town. I again plead with the town folks to exercise the utmost precaution and safeguards in order to keep all fires down to a minimum.

Although there has been a sharp increase in the number of fires, we have been very fortunate that we have had so few serious ones.

I wish at this time to thank all the town folks for their cooperation at the annual town meeting in which all supported and voted for the purchase of two resuscitators for the Fire Department. They have been used only once—successfully, but it is indeed a pleasure for all members of the Department to know that we have this emergency equipment on hand.

I am again requesting the same support and cooperation from the town folks in regard to the purchase of a new Forest Fire Truck to replace the 1937 Chevrolet Truck housed at the Center Station. This truck is past the repair stages, and if we are to maintain an efficient Department, we must replace this truck in 1954.

To the officers and men of both stations, my heartfelt thanks for the splendid cooperation. These are men of whom you can well feel proud.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their fine cooperation which enabled the Department to procure such equipment as a new gasoline portable pump,

new fire extinguishers, new gasoline portable generators with lights, smoke ejector and numerous other equipment that can be used not only in fire protection, but also in practically any emergency that may arise.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER KORNICKI

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

Board of Selectmen
Bellingham, Mass.

December 3, 1953

Gentlemen:

The following is my report as Physician to the Board of Health for the Town of Bellingham for the year 1953.

The usual Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus immunizations were given to all eligible children in the town. Also a Small Pox Vaccination clinic was held again. Fortunately, there were not any severe epidemics in the Town of Bellingham this year.

In closing, I want to thank you, and Misses Grace Moran, R. N., and Lucy King, R. N., for your cooperation and assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD L. SHENKER, M. D.

REPORT OF STATE AUDIT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston 33

January 5, 1954

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Zephirin J. Remillard, Chairman

Bellingham, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Bellingham for the period from November 14, 1952 to November 4, 1953, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Herman B. Dine

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Bellingham for the period from November 14, 1952, the date of the previous examination, to November 4, 1953, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or com-

mitting bills for collection, were examined and checked for the period covered by the audit.

An analysis was made of the town accountant's ledger, the receipts being checked with the treasurer's books and the payments being compared with the warrants authorizing them and with the treasurer's records of payments. The appropriation accounts were checked with the town clerk's records of town meeting proceedings, and the recorded transfers from the reserve funds were verified by comparison with the records of the finance committee.

The necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, a copy of which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 4, 1953.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and checked with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the treasury, while the payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds. The cash book additions were certified, and the cash balance on November 4, 1953 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks in which town funds are deposited.

The records of payroll deductions from employees' salaries and wages for Federal taxes and for the county retirement system were examined and checked. The amounts withheld for Federal taxes were compared with the receipts as recorded by the treasurer and with the payments to the Federal depository, and the retirement deductions were listed and compared with the payments to the county treasurer.

The payments made on account of maturing debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The unpaid interest coupons were listed and reconciled with the balances as shown by statements furnished by the banks of deposit.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the

several trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved and the transfers to the town were verified.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined, listed, and reconciled with the tax collector's records and with the accountant's ledger. The additions to the tax title account were compared with the tax books, and the tax title redemptions were checked with the treasurer's recorded receipts. The tax title and tax possession transactions were further verified by comparison with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The taxes and excise outstanding at the time of the previous examination as well as all subsequent commitment lists were audited and compared with the assessors' warrants issued for their collection. The cash book additions were proved and the reported payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts. The abatements as recorded were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted, the transfers to the tax title account were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

The tax collector's cash balance on November 4, 1953, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The recorded receipts of the selectmen, the town clerk, the wire inspector, and the sealer of weights and measures, as well as of the school and library departments, were examined and checked in detail and the payments to the town treasurer and to the State were verified.

The records of departmental accounts received were examined and checked. The recorded payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger.

The books and accounts of the water collector were examined and checked in detail. The records of water charges were analyzed the recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, and the cash balance on November 4, 1953 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the

bank of deposit and by verification of the cash in the office. The abatements, as recorded, were checked with the water commissioners' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

It was noted that no action has been taken on uncollected water liens and in this connection attention is directed to the provisions of Sections 42D, Chapter 40, General Laws, which provides that water liens remaining unpaid when the assessors are preparing the real estate tax list shall be certified to them by the water commissioners and added to the tax on the property to which it relates.

It is also recommended that a complete record of each customer's account be kept in the water department office, from which the commitments to the water collector may be made and from which a comparison with the collector's records may be readily obtained.

Verification of the outstanding tax, water, and departmental accounts was made by mailing notice to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it would appear that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The surety bonds on file for the town officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing reconciliations of the town treasurer's and tax collector's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, tax possession, departmental, and water accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

For the cooperation received from all town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

FOR THE YEAR 1953

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and to the Citizens of Bellingham;

CHAPTER No. 81

The following is a report of all work that was done on the various Streets and Highways of the town during the year ending Dec. 31, 1953.

The following streets were treated and sealed with bituminous asphalt and tar, in whole or in part, under Chapter 81 in which general highway and streets repairs are made;

Working S'ly from So. Main St. to Cross St.

CENTER STREET

Part-1 Length 400 feet, Wide 21 Feet

Part-2 Length 1600 feet, Wide 18 feet

Center St. From Cross St. S'ly

Part-3 Length 1600 feet, Wide 19 feet

Center St. From Railroad St. To R-R-Crossing

Part-4 Length 1000 feet, Wide 21 feet

Center St. From R-R-Crossing Working S'ly

Part-5 Length 2030 feet, Wide 21 feet

Center St. From Pulaski Blvd. Working N'ly

Part-6 Length 1700 feet, Wide 18 feet

WOODLAND RD.

Running from So. Main St. To Lowland Rd.

Length 613 feet, Wide 18 feet

LOWLAND RD.

Running from Woodland Rd. To Pulaski Blvd.

Length 531 feet, Wide 18 feet

MANN STREET

Running from So. Main St. To Blackstone Town Line;
Length 1596 feet, Wide 18 feet

PINE GROVE AVE.

Running from Muron Ave. To Dead End;
Part-1 Length 310 feet, Wide 25 feet
Part-2 Length 896 feet, Wide 18 feet

AUTUMN STREET

Length 231 feet, Wide 26 feet

LAKE STREET

Running from Wrentham Street to N'y
Length 2156 feet, Wide 18 feet

HARPIN STREET

At High School Entrance
Length 897 feet, Wide 39 feet

BLISS RD.

Running from Mann Street to Dead End.
Length 392 Feet, Wide 20 feet

OAK STREET

Running from So. Main St. To Dead End.
Length 216 feet, Wide 16 feet

POTHIER STREET

At the end of Governor Ave. Dead End To Dead End.
Length 316 feet, Wide 19 feet

SPRING STREET

From Pulaski Blvd. To Dead End.
Length 562 feet, Wide 20 feet

AUCLAIR STREET

From Pulaski Blvd. To Blackstone Town Line.

Length 206 feet, Wide 22 feet

GOVENOR AVE.

From Pulaski Blvd. To Pothier St.

Length 456 feet, Wide 28 feet

STOCKHOLM STREET

Crossing Govenor Ave. and Westminster Ave.

Part-1 Length 1130 feet, Wide 16 feet

Part-2 Length 140 feet, Wide 15 feet

TAUNTON STREET

Treated 1952 Job.

Length 1006 feet, Wide 24 feet

FARM STREET

From Hartford Ave. To Old Town farm

Length 4163 feet, Wide 18 feet

LAKESIDE DRIVE

From Left side of Scott Hill Blvd. To Blackstone Town Line.

Length 2831 feet, Wide 17 feet

PELLETIER DRIVE

From Lakeside Drive to the Pond.

Length 325 feet, Wide 17 feet

CHESTUNT STREET SQ.

From So. Main Street

Length 150 feet, Wide 31 feet

SO. MAIN STREET

Running N'y from Blackstone Street

Part-1 Length 2152 feet, Wide 22 feet

SO. MAIN STREET

N'y from Scott Hill Blvd. To Petrosky Curve
Part-2 Length 2158 feet, Wide 27 feet

SO. MAIN STREET

N'y from n. End Bridges app.
Part-3 Length 1,500 feet, Wide 27 feet

SO. MAIN STREET

N'y from Center St. Stone Job.
Part-4 Length 1436, Wide 21 feet

MAPLE STREET

Working S'y from Hartford Ave. To Rte. 140
Part-1 Length 14,992 feet, Wide 20 feet

MAPLE STREET

Working S'y from Rte. 140 To Franklin Town Line.
Part-2 Length 4,100 feet, Wide 20 feet

WESTMINSTER AVE.

Mix-in Place Sand & Stone & Asphalt;
Length 1900 feet, Wide 19 feet
From Pulaski Blvd. To Blackstone Town Line.

WRENTHAM & PAINE STREET SQ.

From Pulaski Blvd. To So. Community Building.
Mix-in Place Sand & Stone & Asphalt. 3896 sq. Yds.

An emergency occurred in which a number of streets were washed out. This necessitated filling in with gravel as per the instructions of the Board of Selectmen and the State Highway Engineer.

Those streets are as follows:

Hartford Ave.	So. Main St.	Wrentham St.
Paine St.	Lake St.	Cross St.
Mann St.	Harpin St.	Westminster Ave.
Center St.	Central St.	Spring St.
Chestnut St.	Cramberry Meadow	High St.
Middle Ave.	Depot St.	Pulaski Blvd.
Lowland Rd.	Central Blvd.	Florida Ave.

The following streets were scraped in whole or in part;

Farm St.	Granite St.	High St.
Blackstone St.	Grove St.	Mellen St.
Hixson Place	Taunton St.	Lake St.
Nason St.	River Rd.	Lakeview Ave.
Middle Ave.	Mill St.	Fourth Ave.

All necessary routine cleaning of catchbasins and drainage of the town streets was done as expeditiously as possible.

The brush was cut in most all the streets with a tractor cutter.

Chapter 81 paid for Blocks and Catchbasin cover and we used Highway Special money for some Labor on following Streets;

Essex St., Paine St., Suffolk St., Highland Rd., Center St.

All necessary routine repairs and patching of the town streets was done as expeditiously as possible as agreement between the Board of Selectmen and the State Highway Engineers Tom Hanan & Henry Walsh.

CHAPTER 90

NO. MAIN STREET

From Taunton St. To Hartford Ave.
Length 6,752 feet, Wide 19 feet

SO. MAIN STREET

From Center Street Working N'y
Length 2900 feet, Wide 21 feet

HARTFORD AVE.

From Grove St. To Mendon Town Line
Length 1740 feet, Wide 26 feet

HARTFORD AVE.

From No. Main St. To Maple St.
Length 6,156 feet, Wide 24 feet

HARTFORD AVE.

From N'y from Rectory to Farm St.
Length 2156 feet, Wide 26 feet

The Town has 7 bridges that should be rebuilt. There are:

Wrentham St. Bridge, Paine St. Bridge, Depot St. Bridge, High St. Bridge, Maple St. Bridge, Railroad St. Bridge, Farm St. Bridge.

I would recommend that the Town do a bridge a year.

HIGHWAY SPECIAL

The following streets were repaired in whole or in part, under Highway Special Appropriation; Pipe & Catchbasins & Cement & Gravel & Sand & Tar & Asphalt & Patch & Labor & Water way.

So. Main St.	Depot St.	Suffolk St.
Mann St.	Highland Rd.	Lowland Rd.
Center St.	Essex St.	Paine St.
		Central St.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION

This necessitated Gravel, Excavation and Tar; as per instructions of This necessitated gravel, Excavation and Tar; as per instructions of the Board of Selectmen Chairman Zephirin J. Remillard, Walter P. Lewinski and Alfred M. Cote and State Highway Engineer Henry W. Walsh.

Streets Are:

Poirier St. Excavation & Gravel and Tar and Sealed;
Mansion St. Excavation & Gravel and Tar and Sealed;
Lake St. from Cemetery to Pulaski Blvd. Excavation & Gravel &

Tar & Sealed;

Locust St. Excavation & Gravel & Tar and Sealed;
Mohawk St. Excavation & Gravel & Tar and Sealed;
Cramberry Meadow Rd. Excavation & Gravel & Tar and Sealed;
Brisson Ave. Excavation & Gravel & Tar and Sealed;
Farm St. Excavation & Gravel & Tar and Sealed. Length 2153 ft.;
Easy St. Excavation & Cr. Gravel & Tar and Sealed;

Freeman St. Excavation & Graveling; and Cement Posts;
 Linwood Ave. Excavation & Graveling and Cement Posts;
 Muron Ave. Laying 24" Cement Pipes in Street, Drainage;
 Orchard St. Excavation & Graveling; there is money left to Tar
 in 1954;
 Lowland Rd. Excavation brook and Laying Pipe and filling over.

HIGHWAY SAND CLEANING

Streets are; in parts or in whole:

Pulaski Blvd., So. Main St., No. Main St., Easy St., Hartford Ave.,
 Center St., Wrentham St., Paine St., Chestnut St., Westminster Ave.,
 Maple St.

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION ON PULASKI BLVD.

Under the supervision of the State Highway Engineers Tom Hanan and Henry W. Walsh the Town Highway Department eliminated one of the bottlenecks in Bellingham. This construction is on Pulaski Blvd., running from So. Main St and Wrentham St. This section of the road was widened to eliminate a narrow bottleneck. A total of 1,187 feet of road was widened by as much as 23 feet. The intersection has long been a traffic bottleneck. Traffic became so heavy as to make the project mandatory. The State Engineers told the Board of Selectmen that they were extremely grateful that we did this much work with the money that we had. In closing I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Zephirin J. Remillard and Mr. Walter P. Lewinski and Mr. Alfred M. Cote and the State Highway Engineers, for their co-operation, and also the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham. I also wish to thank the employees of the Highway Department for their sincere efforts in working faithfully with me to better streets conditions in the town, and to make the department able to operate more efficiently during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

WILFRED ARCAND, Superintendent of Streets

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Board of Selectmen

Bellingham, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Chief of Police I hereby submit the report of my department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Complaints received and investigated.	480
Accidents investigated.	67
Summons served for out of Town Police Dept.	61
Arrests made for out of Town Police Dept.	4

Arrests made for:

Abortion	1
Assessory to abortion	2
Assault & battery	1
Breaking & entering & larceny	4
Disturbing the peace	2
Desertion	1
Driving so as to endanger	11
Driving under the influence of liquor	3
Drunk	5
Procuring an immoral show	1
Participating in an immoral show	2
Larceny	2
Motor Vehicles Violations	22
Non-support	3
Using Automobile without authority	2
Taken to State Hospital	3
Sudden Deaths	4

I wish to thank the police officers and the Board of Selectmen for the co-operation that they have given me in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. FLUETTE

Board of Selectmen

Bellingham, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find statement of expenses incurred by the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Chief's salary	\$4160.00
Other Officers	1237.00
Cruiser Car	1280.02
Radio	575.72
Telephones	538.17
Clerk	520.00
Equipment	85.07
Rent of Lock-up	75.00
Stamps & stationery	52.00
Salary, of Dog Officer	50.00
Typewriter Repair	25.00
Flowers	20.00
Dues	13.00
Lunches	9.74
Cleaning	9.30

\$ 8650.02

Cruiser Car	1400.00
Uniform	96.05

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\$10146.07

Allowed Annual Town Meeting	
Uniform	
Granted	

\$ 9925.00

100.00

125.00

\$10150.00

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

January 1, 1954

Board of Selectmen:

As dog officer, I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Complaints received and investigated	148
Dogs injured by automobiles	16
Dogs killed by automobiles	15
Dogs killed for destroying	8
Property of owners damaged by dogs	13
Persons bitten by dogs	17
Stray dogs confined, killed, & buried	78
Dogs killed request of owners	6

ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSE BY APRIL 1st.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. FLEUETTE,
Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen which was composed of Zephirin J. Remillard, Walter P. Lewinski and Alfred M. Cote as members, organized for the year 1953, with Zephirin J. Remillard being voted as Chairman and Alfred M. Cote appointed to serve as Clerk on March 5, 1953.

STATE AUDIT. The Selectmen in October requested the State Division of Accounts to conduct an audit of the receipts and expenses for the year 1953 and all departments were verified and checked in detail.

VETERANS. The Office of Veterans' Services managed by Director James E. Wrenn, with the assistance of the Advisory Board, was very ably conducted especially in connection with assistance and information in the solution of various veteran's problems.

FIRE DEPARTMENT. This department has done splendid this past year, though not as favorable as last year, due to an extended drought and increase in buildings. Undoubtedly new vehicles will be needed this year in order to keep this department in tip top condition.

On recommendation of Chief Kornicki a forest fire truck is highly needed.

BRIDGES. This Board highly recommends that a bridge be constructed on Wrentham St. where so much thru traffic is routed from Woonsocket to Boston.

POLICE DEPARTMENT. This department was very ably managed under the supervision of Chief Euclide A. Fleurette, and has continued at its high level, greatly aided by its two-way radio.

STREETS. The highway program is continuing, and each year, especially since 1951, sees more streets added to the list of tarred and completed ways due to a greater influx of home construction especially away from main highways.

DRAINAGE. The surface drainage in certain sections demands attention this year, especially along Peters' River and its immediate tributaries, where the surface flow of water has been increased without a corresponding increase in drainage facilities, causing flooded conditions in that locale.

MUNICIPAL FIELD. The athletic field adjoining the High School premises is assuming more importance every year due to larger enrollment and more participation in sports.

This year a new landmark was added to change the face of the property alongside the High School and a vote of thanks must be given the Committee in laying out a Little League field complete with bleachers and fence. Continued improvements and maintenance of both fields is recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

NORTH & SOUTH COMMUNITY BUILDINGS. Several repairs were completed this year, although both buildings are in fair condition. continued repairs should be continued.

DEBT. Bellingham has once again completed its 1953 fiscal year with a cash balance at the end of the year of \$71,347.30.

TOWN HALL. The exterior of the oldest municipal building in Town is in good condition but much improvement should be made to renovate the interior.

LIQUOR LICENSES. Following is a schedule of fees adopted by the Board of Selectmen:

Common Victuallers, all alcoholic, \$300.00
 Common Victuallers, wine and malt, \$150.00
 Package Goods, wine and malt, \$100.00
 Package Goods, all alcoholic \$150.00
 Seasonal, all alcoholic \$100.00

The holders of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages are as follows:

Wasył Kornicki (Lenox Grill), common victualler's all alcoholic.
 Earl F. Rogers (The Paddock), common victualler's all alcoholic.
 Peter Coniaris (Pete's Blue Bird), common victualler's all alcoholic.
 Charles L. Berry, package goods, wines and malt.
 Charles Albrys, package goods, wines and malt.
 Tony Guinelli (Bellingham Social Club), club all alcoholic.
 Walter Mostek (Cottage Club), club all alcoholic.
 Lucien Descelles (Beverly Club), club all alcoholic.
 Alphonse Cote (Bellingham Amusement Club), club all alcoholic.
 Alice Courtemanche (Silver Lake Club), club all alcoholic.
 Marion D'Erico (Debbies Restaurant), common victuallers' wines and malt.
 Martin Glockners (Ma Glockner's Inc.), common victuallers' wines and malt.
 Robert Remillard (Vet's Package Store), package goods all alcoholic.
 Walter Kornicki (Kornicki's Package Store), package goods all alcoholic.
 Polish American Citizens' Club, club wines and malt.
 Polish American Citizens' Club, club seasonal all alcoholic.

Eugene Thibeault (Round-up Club), club seasonal all alcoholic.
 Martin Glockner (Ma Glockner's, Inc.), common victuallers' seasonal
 all alcoholic
 Marion D'Erico (Debbies Restaurant), common victuallers' seasonal
 all alcoholic

The Board of Selectmen take this opportunity to thank all of the Town Officials and Townspeople for their splendid co-operation during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ZEPHIRIN J. REMILLARD, Chairman
WALTER P. LEWINSKI
ALFRED M. COTE
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICE

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

To the Board of Selectmen of Bellingham.
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report as Director of Veteran's Services in the Town of Bellingham.

During the year of 1953 cases of all needy and worthy Veterans were taken care of to the satisfaction of all concerned, under the laws put forward by the State of Massachusetts.

Veterans admitted to veterans' hospitals	16
Hospital bed days in veterans' hospitals (days)	740
Hospital visits	22
Papers notarized	53
State House contacts made in veterans interests	35
Massachusetts bonus filed—Korean Veterans	42
Active cases local and state	30

Forms filed school and job training P.L. 550	5
On apprentice training P.L. 550	6
On apprentice training P. L. 16	1
Pensions claims filed	9
Pensions claims approved	5
Non-service connected approved pensions	2
Widows' pension claims approved	3
Veterans Administration contacts made in Veteran's interest	35
Veterans to office and homes for advice	475
Applications for abatement of taxes	56
Photocopies of discharges, marriages, deaths births, etc.	90
Assisting in filling out Selective service applications for Korean Veterans	3
Assisting in filling out mustering-out forms	4
World War I death forms filed	2
World War II death forms filed	1
Korean Veterans Death forms filed	1

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. WRENN, Director

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1953

Appropriation Veterans' Services	\$11,000.00
Administrative Expenses:	
Director's Salary	700.00
Director's Traveling Expenses	295.00
Postage and Supplies	25.00
Dues and Subscriptions	18.00
Honor Roll Expenses:	
Flowers, Paint and Labor	192.01
Veterans' Benefits:	
Cash Payments	8,349.50
Groceries and Milk	101.41
Medical	170.77
Hospital	333.95

Fuel	717.42
Doctors	126.00
Transportation to Boston V. A. Hospital for Veterans	47.00
Ambulance for Veteran to V. A. Hospital	55.00
New Equipment and Supplies	
Typewriter	109.00
Supplies for Office	24.47
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	\$11,265.03
Unexpended Cash Balance	7.47

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. WRENN, Veteran's Agent.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The report of the Bellingham Free Public Library is herewith presented:

Regulations

Library	Librarian	Hours		Day
Center Library	Mrs. Ethel Spencer	12.00-4:00,	7:00-8:00	Friday
	summer hours	1:00-4:00,	7:00-8:00	
North Branch	Mrs. Ruth Hurd	2:00-4:00,	7:00-8:00	Friday
North School Basement				
South Branch Community Building	Mrs. Violette Mowery	12:30-4:30,	7:00-8:00,	Friday

When a legal holiday falls on a Friday, the Library will be opened on Thursday, except when Thursday is either Christmas or New Year's Eve, then the Library will be open on Wednesday.

Books are loaned for a period of two weeks, and may be renewed for another two week period without charge.

There is a fine of five cents a week for each book kept over the above specified length of time.

Circulation

	Fines	Magazines	Juvenile	Non-Fiction	Adult Fiction
Center Library	\$8.55	189	2040	128	2280
North Branch	3.55	55	393	2	177
South Branch	7.75	Total Circulation 2,957			

This year the Trustees decided there was a need for a new location for the North Branch Library. They decided on the basement of the North School as the ideal place. It was sectioned off, painted, shelves erected, and equipment purchased, and was ready for use in August. This took quite a portion of our allotment, and consequently, we could purchase only about half the amount of books as formerly. However, we were fortunate in having books donated to the three branches. Mrs. William Crouse, a Trustee, gave the South Branch forty-four books of mystery and adventure for the teen age group, and Mrs. Dino Brunetti of Irving Street, gave the same branch forty-five books for adult fiction.

Mrs. Vincent Thayer gave the Center Library a large box of assorted books, and the Hopedale Library gave some fine books to the North Branch to help us get a good start.

I wish to take this time to thank the Trustees for their help, and to thank the teachers and the janitor for their help.

I would like to ask the parents for their help in having the children return all books promptly. I have sent letters to all who have books long overdue, and some do not respond as they should.

As these books are acquired mostly by tax money, it is to your advantage to see that all books are returned promptly, and it would save the money that I now use for postage on the notices.

MRS. ETHEL SPENCER, Librarian.

Books Added by Purchase

Adult Fiction

Author	Title
Allis, Margeuite	To Keep Us Free
Herbert, Don	Mr. Wizard's Science Secrets
Gilmore, Cecile	Wedding Is Destiny
Hamill, Ethel	The Dancing Mermaid
Humphries, Adelaide	Nurse Lady
Ford, Marcia	The Sycamores
Covert, Alice (Lent)	Shadow of Truth
Hamill, Ethel	Blue Grass Doctor
Mack, Elsie	Magic Is Fragile
Ames, Jennifer	My Head's Down Under
Ayers, Ruby M.	Bright Destiny
Noble, Emily	The Happy Princess
Harris, Kathleen	Rehearsal for Love
Ayers, Ruby M.	Old Fashioned Heart
Trimble, Louis	Gap-Town Law
Brand, Max	Border Guns
Nye, Nelson	Desert of the Damned
Lomax, Bliss	Guns Along the Yellowstone
McGovern, William	The Crooked Flame
Troy, Simon	Road to Rhuine
Stanley, Chuck	Oregon Highroad
Stanley, Chuck	Boss of Golden River
Stanley, Chuck	Marshall, Sam Clay
Thomas, Lee	The Ambush Trail
Bardwell, Denver	Eagle Trail
Cody, Al	Powder Burns

Tuttle, W. C.	Renegade Sheriff
Stevens, Dan	Wild Horse Range
Joscelyn, Archie	Ride to Blizzard
Evan, Paul	This Range Is Mine
Dudley, Ernest	Picaroon
Atkinson, Oriana	The Twin Cousins
Kavinoky, Bernice	'All the Young Summer Days
Meese, Mildred	Mary Carstens, M.D.
Taylor, Phoebe Atwood	Diplomatic Corpse
Bates, H. E.	Love for Lydia
Butler, Suzanne	My Pride, My Folly
Fox, James M.	The Aleutian Blue Mink
Tucker, Wilson	City in the Sea
Stevenson, D. E.	Shoulder the Sky
Ames, Delano	Corpse Diplomatique
Seifert, Elizabeth	The Doctor Disagrees
Demming, Dorothy R. N.	Sue Morris, Sky Nurse
Spencer, Elizabeth	The Crooked Way
Fowler, Helen	The Intruder
Gardner, Erle Stanley	The Case of the Hesitant Hostess
Paradise, Viola	Tomorrow, The Harvest
Halliday, Brett	One Night With Nora
Gibbs, Wilma	Seed of Mischief
Chidsey, Donald B.	Captain 'Adam
Rawlings, Marjorie	The Sojourner
Ullman, James R.	River of the Sun
Jefferies, Barbara	Undercurrent
Lund, Robert	Hour of Glory
Meredith, David	Christmas Card Murders
MacDonald, John D.	Ballroom of the Skies
Pearson, Edmund	Studies in Murder
Masur, Harold	You Can't Live Forever
Cannon, LeGrand, Jr.	Come Home at Even
Marshall, Margeurite	One Man Loved
Selinko, 'Anna-Marie	Desiree
Edmonds, Walter	Boys of Black River

Warriner, Thurman	Method in His Murder
Watkins, Vaughan	A King Reluctant
Standish, Robert	Gentleman of China
DeJong, David	Two Sofas in the Parlor
Marshall, Rosamond	Bond of the Flesh
DuMaurier, Daphne	Kiss Me Again, Stranger
Street, James	The Velvet Doublet
Waters, Ethel	His Eye on the Sparrow
Mason, Van Wyck	Golden Admiral
Armstrong, Charlotte	Catch As Catch Can
Seavy, Susan	Neither Man Nor Angel
Upshaw, Helen	Day of The Harvest
Frischauer, Paul	The Shepherds Crook
Slaughter, Frank	The Galileans
Wilson, Damsey	The Dark Mare
Mack, Elsie	The Quest
Worley, Dorothy	Spring Will Come 'Again
Moore, Sara F.	Obligato
Shipman, Natalie	Sister of the Bride
Saunders, Laura	Wear My Love Proudly
Stuart, Florence	The Little Bookshop
Gaddis, Peggy	Eileen Duggan
Randall, Roma	Girls in White
Blocklinger, Betty	The Rock Oak
Smith, Lew	Raiders of White Pine
Holliston, Carol	Love Is A Dream
Neubauer, William	The Voice of Love
Blockliger, Betty	Becky
Stapleton, D. & D.	Late for the Funeral
Starr, Leonora	Pretty Imposter
Rutherford, Gay	Runaway Love
Asimov, Isaac	Second Foundation
Mowery, William	Sagas of the Mounted Police
Fox, Norman	Roughshod
Dawson, Peter	Ruler of the Range
Ruck, Berta	Blind Date

Spicer, Bart	The Wild Ohio
Shute, Nevil	In The Wet
Harris, Margaret & John	The Medicine Whip
Sedges, John	Voices in the House
Robertson, Charlie	Shadow of a Cloud
Sorenson, Virginia	The Proper Gods
Dean, Nell Marr	Honeymoon in the Sky
Marsh, Rebecca	A Home for Mary
Noble, Emily	Say It With Love
Westcott, Jan	The Walsingham Woman
Crane, Francis	Murder in Blue Street
Tatham, Julie	Cherry Ames, Dude Ranch Nurse

Adult Non-Fiction

Herbert, Don	Mr. Wizard's Science Secrets
Hoover, Herbert	Memoirs of Herbert Hoover (gift)
Morris, Richard	Encyclopedia of American History
Steinway, Theodore	People and Pianos
Picture Press Inc.	Ford at Fifty (gift)

We did not purchase any juvenile books this year due to the fact that we had to spend so much of our allotment to prepare the basement of the North School for the North Branch Library.

Expenditures

Librarians' Salaries	620.50
Janitor's Salary	104.00
Trustees' Salaries	250.02
Books & Magazines	198.20
Postage & Supplies	35.23
Book Cases	138.00
Desk	17.95
Fuel	40.00
Electricity	16.00
Memorial Day Decoration	3.00
Painting	21.99
Total	<hr/> 1,445.99

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER DEPARTMENT

To the Betllingham Water Commissioners

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Water Pumped During 1953

	Well No. 1	Well No. 2	Well No. 3	Total
	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons
January	7,252,800	5,760,000		13,013,400
February	6,591,600	5,528,800		12,120,400
March	6,533,300	5,331,600		11,864,900
April	8,117,600	5,067,100		13,184,700
May	9,597,100	5,501,800		15,098,900
June	9,944,800	6,333,100		16,277,900
July	10,971,900	6,399,100		17,371,000
August	9,482,600	5,537,100		15,019,700
September	7,290,700	2,222,900	6,175,000	15,688,600
October			14,533,800	14,533,800
November			15,713,200	15,713,200
December			12,741,146	12,741,146
Total	75,782,400	47,682,100	49,163,146	172,627,646

Daily Average—472,952 gallons.

Monthly Average—14,385,637 gallons.

Service Calls attended (382).

New Services Connected (112).

Main Breaks Repaired (5).

Hydrants Relocated (4) for Highway Widening.

Extension of Water Mains 6" installed 10,756 ft.

Respectfully submitted,

OVILA MAJEAU,
Water Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE WATER BILL COLLECTOR

To the Bellingham Water Commissioners

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit for your consideration and approval my report for the collection of water accounts for the period of January 1st, 1953, to and including December 31st, 1953.

DEBIT

Outstanding balance, December 31st, 1953	\$ 1,767.92	
Warrants, April 1st, 1953	15,700.00	
Warrants, October 1st, 1953	14,049.16	
Service Charges	863.35	
	<hr/>	\$32,380.63

CREDIT

Paid to Town Treasurer	\$30,280.53	
Abatements	338.40	
Outstanding balance, December 31, 1953	1,761.70	
	<hr/>	\$32,380.63

In concluding my report I wish to thank the Board of Water Commissioners and citizens of Bellingham for their cooperation during 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

CORA A. LEVITRE,
Water Bill Collector.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Bellingham:

At an organization meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners held March 2, 1953, Mr. Rodolphe Beauregard was re-elected chairman,

Mr. Arthur Ayotte was reappointed clerk, and Mrs. Cora A. Levitre was reappointed water bill collector.

The year 1953 has been a most memorable and exceedingly busy year for the water department, comprising the construction of a third well and pumping station to our distribution system located on Wrentham Road (Near Bungay Brook). This well has now been in operation since the latter part of September. Work got started early in July and was completed the latter part of September. Results have been very gratifying and as expected, this well will now assure the Town of an ample supply of water.

The quality of water obtained from this well as analyzed by the State Board of Health is considered equal to the best in Massachusetts.

The breakdown of our No. 1 Well at Silver Lake last summer caused by excessive pumping due to the heavy demand, has been repaired and is now in service.

Equipment

The purchase of a new 1-ton service truck as approved by the voters at the annual town meeting is the most effective equipment of the department. Equipped with a tripod and power winch. It is used to lower water pipe into trenches, remove and replace hydrants. The tripod can be removed and the truck used for normal purposes. It proved to be of great help to this department in saving time and money and with maximum of safety.

Fire Hydrant Protection

This department has started the installation of cement guide posts near all hydrants that are at dangerous locations which might be damaged by the backing into or sideswiping by vehicles. This work will be continued until said hydrants in danger spots are protected.

Water Revenue

The report of the Water Bill Collector again shows a notable increase in revenue for 1953 which is very encouraging, and added revenue is anticipated for 1954.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the townspeople for their cooperation and to all the town officials for their help during the year 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

RODOLPHE BEAUREGARD
ARTHUR AYOTTE
EDWARD LEMIRE,

Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of Bellingham:

The following is a report of the cash condition of the Town of Bellingham and of the outstanding notes and loans as of December 31, 1953.

Reconciliation of Cashbook with actual cash on deposit

Cash on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 51,901.68
Plus: 1953 Receipts	722,020.08
	<hr/> 773,921.76
Less: 1953 Expenditures	702,574.46
Cash Balance December 1953	<hr/> 71,347.30

Notes and Loans Outstanding

December 31, 1953

Fixed Debt	Outstanding	
	Amount	Due 1954
High School Loan, 2½ %, Feb. 1, 1953	10,000.	2,000.
Water Bonds PWA, 2½ %, Mar. 1, 1939	102,000.	7,000.
Water Bonds WPA, 2¾ %, Mar. 1, 1939	26,000.	2,000.
Water Mains Extension, 2¼ %, Aug. 1, 1949	7,000.	2,000.
Water Mains Extension, 2%, May 1, 1950	21,000.	3,000.
Water Mains Extension, 2¼ %, July 1, 1951	11,000.	2,000.
Water Additional Supply, 2¼ %, Jan. 15, 1953	35,000.	4,000.
Water Mains Extension, 2½ %, Nov. 15, 1953	33,680.	4,680.
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Total Fixed Debt	245,680.	26,680.

Temporary Debt

Chapter 81 and 90 Maintenance and Construction \$25,850.00

* Note: Highway loans in anticipation of re-imbursement from State and County.

High School Loan

Issued Feb. 1, 1938

Name of Bank—Merchants National Bank

Rate per cent—2½

Note Number	Amt. of Note	Maturity Date	Amount
233-234	each 1,000.00	Feb. 1, 1954	2,000.00
235-236	each 1,000.00	Feb. 1, 1955	2,000.00
237-238	each 1,000.00	Feb. 1, 1956	2,000.00
239-240	each 1,000.00	Feb. 1, 1957	2,000.00
241-242	each 1,000.00	Feb. 1, 1958	2,000.00
			<hr/> 10,000.00

Water System Loan

Issued March 1, 1939

Name of Bank—Merchants National Bank

Rate per cent—2½

Bonds Number	Amount	Maturity Date	Amount
86-87-88-89-90-91-92	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1954	7,000.00
93-94-95-96-97-98-99	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1955	7,000.00
100-101-102-103-104-104-106	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1956	7,000.00
107-108-109-110-111-112-113	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1957	7,000.00
114-115-116-117-118-119-120	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1958	7,000.00

121-122-123-124-125-126-127	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1959	7,000.00
128-129-130-131-32-133	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1960	6,000.00
134-135-136-137-138-139	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1961	6,000.00
140-141-142-143-144-145	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1962	6,000.00
146-147-148-149-150-151	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1963	6,000.00
152-153-154-155-156-157	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1964	6,000.00
158-159-160-161-162-163	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1965	6,000.00
164-165-166-167-168-169	tach 1,000.00	March 1, 1966	6,000.00
170-171-172-173-174-175	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1967	6,000.00
176-177-178-179-180-181	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1968	6,000.00
182-183-184-185-186-187	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1969	6,000.00
			<hr/> 102,000.00

Water System Loan

Issued March 1, 1939

Name of Bank—Merchants National Bank

Bonds Number	Amount	Maturity Date	Amount
25-26	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1954	2,000.00
27-28	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1955	2,000.00
29-30	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1956	2,000.00
31-32	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1957	2,000.00
33-34	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1958	2,000.00
35-36	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1959	2,000.00
37-38	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1960	2,000.00
39-40	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1961	2,000.00
41-42	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1962	2,000.00
43-44	each 1,000.00	March 1, 1963	2,000.00
45	1,000.00	March 1, 1964	1,000.00
46	1,000.00	March 1, 1965	1,000.00
47	1,000.00	March 1, 1966	1,000.00
48	1,000.00	March 1, 1967	1,000.00
49	1,000.00	March 1, 1968	1,000.00
50	1,000.00	March 1, 1969	1,000.00
			<hr/> 26,000.00

Water Mains Loan**Issued August 1, 1949**

Name of Bank—First National Bank

Rate per cent—2¼

Note Number	Amt. of Note each	Maturity Date	Amount
370-371	1,000.00	Aug. 1, 1954	2,000.00
372	1,000.00	Aug. 1, 1955	1,000.00
373	1,000.00	Aug. 1, 1956	1,000.00
374	1,000.00	Aug. 1, 1957	1,000.00
375	1,000.00	Aug. 1, 1958	1,000.00
376	1,000.00	Aug. 1, 1959	1,000.00
			<hr/> 7,000.00

Water Mains Loan**Issued May 1, 1950**

Name of Bank—First National Bank

Rate per cent—2

Note Number	Amt. of Note each	Maturity Date	Amount
391-392-393	1,000.00	May 1, 1954	3,000.00
394-395-396	1,000.00	May 1, 1955	3,000.00
397-398-399	1,000.00	May 1, 1956	3,000.00
400-401-402	1,000.00	May 1, 1957	3,000.00
403-404-405	1,000.00	May 1, 1958	3,000.00
406-407-408	1,000.00	May 1, 1959	3,000.00
409-410-411	1,000.00	May 1, 1960	3,000.00
			<hr/> 21,000.00

Water Mains Loan**Issued July 1, 1951**

Name of Bank—First National Bank

Rate per cent—2¼

Note Number	Amt. of Note each	Maturity Date	Amount
420-421	1,000.00	July 1, 1954	2,000.00

422-423	each 1,000.00	July 1, 1955	2,000.00
424-425	each 1,000.00	July 1, 1956	2,000.00
426	1,000.00	July 1, 1957	1,000.00
427	1,000.00	July 1, 1958	1,000.00
428	1,000.00	July 1, 1959	1,000.00
429	1,000.00	July 1, 1960	1,000.00
430	1,000.00	July 1, 1961	1,000.00
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			11,000.00

Additional Water Supply Loans

Issued January 15, 1953

Name of Bank—First National Bank

Rate per cent—2¼

Note Number	Amt. of Note	Maturity Date	Amount
438-439-440-441	each 1,000.00	Jan. 15, 1954	4,000.00
442-443-444-445	each 1,000.00	Jan. 15, 1955	4,000.00
446-447-448-449	each 1,000.00	Jan. 15, 1956	4,000.00
450-451-452-453	each 1,000.00	Jan. 15, 1957	4,000.00
454-455-456-457	each 1,000.00	Jan. 15, 1958	4,000.00
458-459-460	each 1,000.00	Jan. 15, 1959	3,000.00
461-462-463	each 1,000.00	Jan. 15, 1960	3,000.00
464-465-466	each 1,000.00	Jan. 15, 1961	3,000.00
467-468-469	each 1,000.00	Jan. 15, 1962	3,000.00
470-471-472	each 1,000.00	Jan. 15, 1963	3,000.00
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			35,000.00

Water Mains Loan

Issued Nov. 15, 1953

Name of Bank—First National Bank

Rate per cent—2½

Note Number	Amt. of Note	Maturity Date	Amount
477	680.00	Nov. 15, 1954	680.00
478-479-480-481	each 1,000.00	Nov. 15, 1954	4,000.00
482-483-484 485	each 1,000.00	Nov. 15, 1955	4,000.00
486-487-488-489	each 1,000.00	Nov. 15, 1956	4,000.00

490-491-492	each 1,000.00	Nov. 15, 1957	3,000.00
493-494-495	each 1,000.00	Nov. 15, 1958	3,000.00
496-497-498	each 1,000.00	Nov. 15, 1959	3,000.00
499-500-501	each 1,000.00	Nov. 15, 1960	3,000.00
502-503-504	each 1,000.00	Nov. 15, 1961	3,000.00
505-506-507	each 1,000.00	Nov. 15, 1962	3,000.00
508-509-510	each 1,000.00	Nov. 15, 1963	3,000.00
			<hr/> 33,680.00

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone whom I had occasion to do business with during the year, especially the various town officials, for their splendid cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. RICHARD,
Town Treasurer.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT ON TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Trust Funds—Town of Bellingham

Paid Arthur E. Brown for Care in 1953

Name	Deposit	Paid	for 1953
D. Adams	100.00	2.83	3.00
Z. Bullard	100.00	2.83	3.00
A. P. Eaton	50.00	1.41	1.50
B. Benedict	40.00	1.13	1.20
S. Holbrook	1.00	2.83	3.00
L. 'A. Cook	25.00	.71	.75
P. Bryant	100.00	2.83	3.00
M. Metcalf	100.00	2.83	3.00
P. Partridge	30.00	.85	.90
C. Norcross	50.00	1.41	1.50
J. and A. B. Drake	200.00	5.66	6.00
A. H. Holbrook	150.00	2.83	4.46
G. D. Rockwood	100.00	2.83	3.00
J. Drake and W. Howes	100.00	2.83	3.00
A. W. Wales	100.00	2.83	3.00
V. Coombs	50.00	1.41	1.50
E. Dewing	50.00	1.41	1.50

Jarvis Cook	50.00	1.41	1.50
Eldridge Grant	100.00	2.83	3.00
Joseph Rockwood	100.00	2.83	3.00
Joseph Adams	200.00	5.66	6.00
Frank St. George	200.00	5.66	6.00
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	2095.00	57.85	62.85

Eugene Rhodes and 'Albert Houle for Care in 1953

Name	Deposit	Paid	for 1953
Charles Mason	200.00	5.66	6.00
Avery Cook	200.00	6.66	6.00
H. M. Cook	50.00	1.41	1.50
Nathan Cook	100.00	2.83	3.00
Hiram Crooks	100.00	2.83	3.00
Phoebe Sherman	100.00	2.83	3.00
C. W. Thayer	50.00	1.41	1.50
Willard Thayer	50.00	1.41	1.50
Marion A. White	100.00	2.83	3.00
Inez Bolton	100.00	2.83	3.00
Marcus Crooks	100.00	2.83	3.00
E. Barber	30.00	.85	.90
E. L. Cook	500.00	14.28	15.00
Charlotte R. Wilcox	200.00	5.66	6.00
Edgar Scott	50.00	1.41	1.50
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	1,930.00	54.73	57.90

Paid James Yates for Care in 1953

Name	Amount on Deposit	Paid	Available for 1953
Nathan Rockwood	50.00	1.41	1.50
Henry M. Rockwood	50.00	1.41	1.50
Eugen Webber	100.00	2.83	3.00
Sarah R. Drake	50.00	1.41	1.50
Eliab Holbrook	100.00	2.83	3.00
Edward H. and Walter H. Thayer	100.00	2.83	3.00
Lavinia Taft	50.00	1.41	1.50
A. M. Clark	30.00	.85	.90
'Amos Keach	50.00	1.41	1.50
Alonzo N. Whitney	100.00	2.83	3.00
Charles P. Hancock	40.00	1.13	1.20

Lezzie A. Graves	100.00	2.83	3.00
Albert A. Hancock	100.00	2.83	3.00
Nathan Grant	60.00	1.70	1.80
Sullivan Bates	50.00	1.41	1.50
Thompson Thayer	25.00	.71	.75
Joseph Burr	200.00	5.66	6.00
George W. Blake	100.00	2.83	3.00
Irving Rhodes	70.00	1.98	2.10
Oliver W. Gardner	25.00	.71	.75
Sabra J. Clark	50.00	1.41	1.50
Alvin Clark	100.00	2.83	3.00
William Thompson and Charles Cook	50.00	1.41	1.50
Addison Burr	50.00	1.41	1.50
Orlando Clark	250.00	7.10	7.50
Eli Pond	25.00	.71	.75
Daniel Pickering	25.00	.71	.75
Samuel Darling	50.00	1.41	1.50
Emma Chilson	100.00	2.83	3.00
Manning Thayer	100.00	2.83	3.00
Frank E. Osborne	200.00	5.66	6.00
Willie Cook	126.00	3.45	3.75
E. D. Meader	200.00	5.66	6.00
C. L. Cushman, F. A. Smith and			
Adam Joslin and Richard Briggs	50.00	1.41	3.75
J. H. Earnes	125.00	3.45	3.75
Ellis Lindskog	50.00	1.41	1.50
Charles F. Farrington	75.00	2.13	2.25
Olive Cushman	50.00	1.41	1.50
Calvin N. Rockwood	100.00	2.83	3.00
Benjamin E. Marble	50.00	1.41	1.50
Edwin Mignault	50.00	1.41	1.50
Martin Rockwood	50.00	1.41	1.50
Ira Fish	50.00	1.41	1.50
Fred Sherburn	50.00	1.41	1.50
Warren Lazell	37.50	1.06	1.12
George Nelson	25.00	.71	.75
Henry Young and Charles and			
George Thayer	100.00	2.83	3.00
Horation Thayer	100.00	2.83	3.00
William O. Rhodes	40.00	1.13	1.20
Aron Farrington	25.00	.71	.75
Milton Holbrook	50.00	1.41	1.50
Henry Whitney	75.00	2.13	2.25
James A. Richardson	50.00	1.41	1.50

Adelbert Spalding	25.00	.71	.75
Mrs. Joseph Fisk	50.00	1.41	1.50
Dexter Whitney	75.00	2.13	2.25
Edwin Darling	50.00	1.41	1.50
George Sherburn	75.00	2.13	2.25
Dianna D. Spooner	75.00	2.13	2.25
Caleb Adams	75.00	2.13	2.25
Joseph Cross	50.00	1.41	1.50
David G. Jones	100.00	2.83	3.00
George A. Ellis	200.00	5.66	6.00
William S. Clark	100.00	2.83	3.00
William C. White	100.00	2.83	3.00

	4,992.50	151.08	149.77
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Cash on hand as per list

Totals	2,095.00	
	1,930.00	
	4,992.50	

9017.50

Interest available	
for 1954	62.85
	57.90
	149.77

270.48

Grand total	9287.98
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Cash on hand as per bank books

Milford Savings Bank,	
Milford, Mass	5530.71
Medway Savings Bank,	
Medway, Mass	3757.27
Grand total	9287.98

	Amount	Available
Ernest A. Whitney	on Deposit	Per 1954
	223.20	3.25

Name	Deposit	Paid	for 1953
	Amount on		Available
Stephen A. Coombs	50.26	1.32	1.48
Jessie Coombs	50.26	1.32	1.48
	100.52	2.64	2.96

Special Trust Funds

The following amount is on deposit in the Milford Savings Bank, Milford Massachusttts, in special account, the earned interest being credited to the original amount on deposit but not available for use until the accumulative date is reached.

Name	Amount on Deposit	Accumulated Interest	Total on Hand	Accumulative Date
Oak Hill Cemetery	500.00	576.36	1,071.36	1977

Library Trust Fund

Name	Amount on Deposit	Accumulated Interest able to Purchase Books	Avail-
Henry A. Whitney Fund	100.00	12.34	

The records and bank books of the various trust funds are available for inspection any time at the town treasurer's office.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. RICHARD,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL

Honorable Members of the Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit a report for 1953 of court action brought against and on behalf of the town, as required by Section 3 of Article 7 of the town by-laws.

PLAINTIFF		DEFENDANT	COURT	NATURE OF CASE
		CASES PENDING		
Town of Bellingham	vs.	Town of Blackstone	Worcester Superior	Welfare Aid
Town of Bellingham	vs.	Town of Milford	Worcester Superior	Welfare Aid
Alice Viafora	vs.	Town of Bellingham	Norfolk Superior	Town Hall Injuries
Rose Anna Martineau	vs.	Town of Bellingham	Land Court	Cloud on Title
Town of Medway	vs.	Town of Bellingham	Norfolk Superior	Welfare Aid
City of Worcester	vs.	Town of Bellingham	Worcester Superior	Welfare Aid
City of Boston	vs.	Town of Bellingham	Suffolk Superior	Welfare Aid
City of Waltham	vs.	Town of Bellingham	Eastern Middlesex, 2nd Dist.	Welfare Aid
Town of Milford	vs.	Town of Bellingham	Worcester Superior	Welfare Aid
Wilfred Bacon	vs.	Town of Bellingham	U. S. District Court, Mass.	Highway Injuries
Muriel Vadeboncoeur	vs.	Town of Bellingham	U. S. District Court, Mass.	Highway Injuries
Yvette Keck	vs.	Town of Bellingham	U. S. District Court, Mass.	Highway Injuries

CASES SETTLED

Town of Franklin	vs.	Town of Bellingham	Norfolk Superior, No. 53472	Welfare Aid
Town of Framingham		Town of Bellingham	Middlesex Sup., No. 163,164	Welfare Aid
City of Boston	vs.	Town of Bellingham	Suffolk Superior, No. 442,506	Welfare Aid
Town of Franklin	vs.	Town of Bellingham	Norfolk Superior, No. 53473	Welfare Aid

LEO A. GOSSELIN,
Town Counsel, Bellingham.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

and

Superintendent of Schools

of the

Town of Bellingham

For The Year Ending

December 31, 1953

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Committee of Bellingham:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my eleventh annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The following changes in the teaching staff took place during the year. Mrs. Veronica Wynne resigned; Mrs. Margaret Haine was granted a year's leave of absence; and Miss Ruth Mandeville was transferred from the Center School to the South School. Miss Ernestine Martineau, of Woonsocket, a graduate of Rivier College, was engaged to fill the third grade vacancy at the South School. Mrs. Helen Spont, of Woonsocket, a graduate of Rhode Island College of Education, was selected to replace Mrs. Haine for the year at the South School. Miss Lucia Ficco, of Franklin, a graduate of Emmanuel College, was engaged to replace Miss Mandeville at the Center School.

Classroom instruction in all schools has continued on a high level. The low turnover of teachers from one year to another is beneficial to our school system. Our pupils are well supplied with Modern textbooks. They have all of the various materials needed for good teaching. Considerable testing has been done which gives a better understanding of the individual child and his needs. A new liquid duplicating machine was purchased for the North School. All schools now have these very necessary aids to education whereby enough material (written, typewritten, or drawn) can be run off in a minute or two for an entire class. A new 16 mm. sound projector was placed in the North School which is a forward step in our visual education program. The High School Commercial Department has a new electric typewriter and a new calculating machine adding greatly to the instruction in that department. Several of our teachers have taken, or are taking, courses in education for self-improvement. The work of our three supervisors in handwriting, music, and art has been maintained on a high level.

Under the direction of the State Department of Education a workshop in elementary education was held in Franklin in May. Supervisors from the State Department were present and took an active part in outlining modern educational practices. Dynamic study groups

discussed new curriculum guides and progressive procedure. Several of the nearby towns were represented by their school faculties. This conference proved extremely beneficial to all of our principals, supervisors, and teachers.

The most vital problem facing the school department at the present time is the serious overcrowding of the High, South, and Center Schools. The following table shows the enrollment as of October 1, 1953, and as of December 23, 1953:

North	98	102
South	357	357
Center	144	154
High	158	153
Total	757	766

The lowest enrollment was 534 pupils in 1946. We now have 766 South School, an eight-room building, now has two classes in the pupils, an increase of 232, or about 43 per cent, in seven years. The High School Building, and one in the Community Building. Next September there will undoubtedly be enough pupils entering grade one at the South School to make necessary two first-grade classrooms. If the present grade two of 41 pupils should increase much, still another classroom would be needed. Hence, the South School in September, 1954 will need four outside rooms, and possibly five. The High School will not be able to accommodate any more than one. If the High School enrollment should increase much, none of the South School children could be housed there.

The Center School also is seriously overcrowded. Three of the four classrooms have considerably more than thirty pupils per room, which is the maximum size for the best instruction. All classrooms at the Center School are occupied by two grades. The enrollment is as follows:

Grades 1-2	38
Grades 3-4	44
Grades 5-6	31
Grades 7-8	41
Total	154

Figuring on the basis of not over thirty pupils per room, this school has 34 more than it should have. Something will have to be done this coming September to relieve this condition.

The North School, with an enrollment of 102, is not overcrowded. Again figuring thirty pupils per classroom, this school could accommodate 18 more children. But here the distribution of children in the various grades is uneven. The North School is organized the same as the Center with two grades in each of the four rooms. The present enrollment of the North School is as follows:

Grades 1-2	35
Grades 3-4	25
Grades 5-6	22
Grades 7-8	20
Total	102

The High School, as far as enrollment in grades 9-12 is concerned, is not too large. The fact that two classes from the South School, grades seven and eight, are housed here now makes this building overcrowded, as it takes two rooms that could well be used by high school classes. The High School Building, if it were to house only high school students, should be able to operate efficiently for several more years, say until 1958 or 1959.

The High School enrollment, grades 9-12, is 153. Adding to this the South School grade seven, 37 pupils, and the South School grade eight, 38 pupils, makes the total enrollment of this building 229.

Leading educators now state that the ideal number of pupils per teacher is twenty-five in the elementary grades for the best instruction. Thirty should be considered as a maximum number. Our classes range in size from twenty to forty-four pupils. Of our nineteen elementary classrooms, eleven have over thirty pupils, and eight have under thirty.

TABLE SHOWING PROJECTION OF ENROLLMENT FIGURES

	North	South	Center	High	Total
12/23/53	102	357	154	153	766
10/1/54	103	374	161	167	805
10/1/55	106	391	159	187	843
10/1/56	108	396	174	223	901
10/1/57	120	454	194	218	986
10/1/58	130	483	210	231	1054
10/1/59	135	536	219	235	1125
10/1/60	138	586	240	223	1187
10/1/61	142	620	256	257	1275

10/1/62	152	660	272	265	1349
10/1/63	163	705	290	274	1432
10/1/64	171	736	302	308	1517

**TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF BIRTHS
AND
FIRST GRADE ENROLLMENTS SIX YEARS LATER**

(Figures beyond 1953 are estimates)

	Number of Births		Size Grade One
1941	50	1947	47
1942	69	1948	88
1943	64	1949	60
1944	57	1950	81
1945	57	1951	67
1946	67	1952	78
1947	79	1953	97
1948	76	1954	90
1949	75	1955	89
1950	99	1956	117
1951	121	1957	143
1952	114	1958	135
1953	122	1959	144
1954	126	1960	149
1955	128	1961	151
1956	132	1962	156
1957	138	1963	163
1958	142	1964	168

It would seem that by September, 1954 that five or six additional classrooms would be needed, and that by September, 1955, about eight extra classrooms would be necessary. This is under the assumption that two South School classes would have to be taken out of the High School Building, one out of the Community Building, and that the South School would have double first grade entering classes from now on. All of the above does not take into consideration the 239 children we have who now attend private schools. Neither does it take into consideration the number of new homes which might be constructed in the future. If the number were very great then all of the enrollment figures would have to be revised upward substantially. Hence, it seems absolutely necessary to take steps immediately to provide for the enrollment expansion and for all of the educational needs of our children.

American Education Week was observed in November in all schools. Open house days and special visiting days were set aside for parents to visit classes, observe the work being accomplished, and to talk with teachers about the progress of their children. Such parent-teacher conferences are extremely beneficial to pupil educational achievement. Parents are cordially invited to visit their schools at any time.

A registration and visiting day was held in May in the elementary schools for children who planned to enter grade one in September. The results were highly gratifying. Nearly all parents registered their children. The very few parents who were unable to be present contacted the schools by telephone. It is most important that the School Department know before school closes in June how many first grade children to plan for in September. Registering in the spring also saves a great deal of time on the opening day of school in the fall. Another registration day will be held in May, 1954, and it is hoped that all first graders will be enrolled then.

The annual school census was taken in October. This census includes every person who was a resident of the town on October 1, 1953, regardless of where they attend school.

The following table shows the distribution of minors as of October 1, 1953:

	5 years or over and under 7	7 years or over and under 16
Boys	151	411
Girls	129	348
Totals	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 759

Distribution:

	5 years or over and under 7	7 years or over and under 16
In public schools	119	581
In private schools	74	165
Not in any school	87	13
Totals	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 759

Through the co-operation of the Norfolk County Health Association an X-Ray Clinic was held at the High School in October. All school personnel, including superintendent, principal, teachers, supervisors, and janitors had chest X-Rays. All high school seniors were X-Rayed also. None showed evidence of pulmonary disease. Reports have been sent to each individual.

In addition to regular routine repairs, such as plumbing, electrical, heating, etc., the following are among the more important items:

High School

- Repairs grounds
- Installation sump pump
- Installation new oil burner

North School

- Installation sump pump
- Repairs-grounds and driveway
- Interior painting
- New movable furniture-one room

South School

- Repairs grounds
- Much interior painting
- New stair treads

Center School

- Storage and basement repairs
- Two new classroom ceilings
- One hall ceiling
- Roof repairs
- Interior painting

All of our school buildings are now heated with oil. All are more evenly heated and ventilated and all are operating efficiently and economically.

Among recommendations for the coming year would be the following:

- Adequate provision for increased enrollment

Reduce size of classes

Modernizing older classrooms. (new movable furniture and fluorescent lighting)

Exterior and interior painting

Further improvement of play grounds

In conclusion I wish to express to you my sincere thanks for your efforts in making the year a most successful one. The assistance and co-operation of the principals, supervisors, teachers, school physician, school nurse, townspeople, parents, and pupils is also deeply appreciated.

Resectfully submitted,

PERCY L. ROWE, Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Percy L. Rowe

Superintendent of Schools

Bellingham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Rowe:

I herewith submit my twelfth annual report as Principal of Bellingham High School.

The enrollment for the year, as of October 1, 1953, was 153. The summary shows that there were 32 seniors, 30 juniors, 48 sophomores and 43 freshmen.

The seventh and eight grades of the South School are now housed in the high school building. These grades are departmentalized and there is an interchange of instructors between the high school faculty and the elementary teachers. Grade Seven has 36 students and Grade Eight has 38 students.

The program of studies and the graduation program have been submitted separately and will follow this report.

The Department of Education has again approved our High School in Class A for the current school year. This means that accredited colleges will not require entrance examinations in any subject in which our students have received a certifying grade. The passing grade at our school is 70 per cent and the certifying grade is 80 per cent.

Our annual yearbook "The Epilogue" was published by the class of 1953 under the supervision of the class advisor, Mr. William A. Conlan. Our advertising staff received a very kind reception from the business and professional men in our area, and we wish to thank them for their generous co-operation.

The class of 1953 spent their Easter vacation sight-seeing in New York, Washington, and Virginia. The class was chaperoned by Mrs. Dorothy Ryan, our French teacher, and myself. We sincerely hope that the class of 1954 will be financially able to take the same trip. At the present we are planning a bazaar, a musical, and a three-act comedy for their benefit. These events will be supervised by Mr. James J. Keough, Miss Christine Wilson, Miss Eleanor Bailey, and myself.

The Bellingham Lions Club sponsored an entertainment and dance for the benefit of the 1953 Washington Trip Fund, and are planning to do the same for the class of 1954.

We were forced to drop Spanish from our curriculum. This change was necessitated not by a lack of student response, but rather by a lack of space. Incidentally, our commercial department is very crowded and it will be necessary for us to move it to a larger room next year. This change means that we will need the large room which is now used by the eighth grade.

Mrs. M. Louise Kelley is our Dean of Girls. She does an outstanding job of handling the many problems of our girls.

The 1952-53 basketball team was the most outstanding team ever to represent our school. They won the most games, scored the most points in one season, had the longest winning streak, and had the highest score in one game. In the Bay State Tournament they played to the semi-finals before being defeated, and in the Assumption College Invitation Tournament they won the Call B championship.

Again this year the Bellingham Lions Club honored the team at a banquet at which all players, Coach Frank Fylnn, and myself were given personal gifts. In addition to this, the team was tendered victory dinners at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Augusto Canestrari, Mr. and Mrs. Euclid Fleurette, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Palmer, and Mr and Mrs. Douglas Carr.

Through the efforts of Andrew P. Palmer and David L. Tuttle, a committee of eighteen members was formed; and on April 13, the townsfolk honored our team with the most outstanding banquet ever held in the town. The team and the coach received gifts from the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, and the Banquet Committee.

All of us at the school deeply appreciate these friendly gestures. It is indeed gratifying to witness such civic spirit in a community.

The baseball team, not to be outdone, completed an undefeated league season and won the Tri-County League Championship. The above-mentioned banquet committee turned over the money they had left to help purchase jackets for the champions.

Our present basketball team is undefeated in schoolboy competition. Since their only defeat at the hands of the Alumni, they have won 10 straight games.

Graduation exercises were held on Thursday, June 18, 1953. We graduated a class of 33 members. Our present plans call for Senior exercises to take place during the week of June 20 as follows: Banquet June 21; Class Day, June 22; Class Outing, June 23; Graduation, June 24; Commencement Ball, June 25.

To the people of the Town of Bellingham, the Bellingham Lions Club, the American Legion, Assumption Church, the Parent-Teacher Association, and the Superintendent of Highways, we wish to express our thanks for the very fine support given the school during the past year.

In conclusion, I wish to express to you, Mr. Rowe, our appreciation for your co-operative supervision and very helpful suggestions and ask you to convey to the members of the School Committee our thanks for their help in making this very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD F. COLLINS,

Principal of the High School

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

PROGRAM OF STUDIES — 1953-1954

Grade IX	COLLEGE COURSE		COMMERCIAL COURSE		GENERAL COURSE	
	Required	Credits	Required	Credits	Required	Credits
	English I	5	English I	5		
	Algebra I	5	Gen. Science	5		
	Gen. Science	5	Jr. Bus. Tra.	5		
	Latin I	5	Civics	2½		
	Civics	2½	Anc. History	2½		
	Anc. History	2½				
Grade X						
	Required	Credits	Required	Credits	Required	Credits
	English II	5	English II	5		
	Algebra II	5	Type I	2½		
	French I	5	Economic Geog.	5		
	World Hist.	5	ELECTIVE			
			French I	5		
	Latin II	5	Biology	5		
	Biology	5	World Hist.	5		
Grade XI						
	Required	Credits	Required	Credits	Required	Credits
	English III	5	English III	5		
	U. S. History	5	U. S. History	5		

Pl. Geometry	5	Type II	2½	ELECTIVE	
Physics	5	Shorthand I	5	Home Economics	5
French II	5	Bookkeeping I	5	French II	5
		ELECTIVE		Physics	5
		French II	5	Pl. Geometry	5

Grade XII

Required	Credits	Required	Credits	Required	Credits
English IV	5	English IV	5	English IV	5
Physics	5	Stenography II	5	ELECTIVE	
Psychology	5	Type III	2½	Home Economics I-II	5
		Bookkeeping II	5	Physics	5
		Economics	2½	Democracy	5
		Commercial Law	2½	Psychology	5
Math. III-IV	5	ELECTIVE			
Democracy	5	Psychology	5		

*One year of Algebra is a prerequisite for Physics.

†One year of Type. is a prerequisite for shorthand.

No more than 1 credit gained from the pursuit of extr a-curricular activities will be allowed toward graduation in any one year.

Mechanical Drawing is offered one day a week to Freshmen. One Credit.

**FIFTEENTH
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
of**

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1953

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Thursday, June 18, 1953 Eight P. M.

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Frances Walker	President
Oscar LeBlanc	Vice-President
Janet Crooks	Secretary
Maurice Godin	Treasurer

CLASS MOTTO

"He that walketh uprightly, walketh surely."

CLASS COLORS

White and Gold

CLASS ADVISOR

William A. Conlan

PRINCIPAL

Edward F. Collins

SUPERINTENDENT

Percy L. Rowe

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lionel R. Trudeau, Chairman

Abbey E. Fagan

Louis Daigle, Jr.

Ernest J. Dubois

Henry Boulais

PROGRAM

Processional

Invocation

Salutatory

"This is My Country"

Class of 1953

Rev. Rene Julien

Frances M. Walker

Glee Club

Awarding of Prizes

American Legion Award

Address to Graduates

Score from "Oklahoma"

Presentation of Diplomas

Valedictory

Class Song

Benediction

National Anthem

Recessional

Lionel R. Trudeau

Chairman, School Committee

Mr. Levi Smith

Dr. David D. Vaughan

Head, Dept., of Social Ethics

Boston University, Graduate School

Glee School

Mr. Lionel R. Trudeau

Janet R. Crooks

Class of 1953

Rev. Mildred Palmer

Assembly

Class of 1953

CLASS OF 1953

Estelle Leah Beauregard

Rita Evelyn Blain

Barbara Ann Castagnaro

Barbara Ann Clancy

Constance Corona Crooks

Janet Ruth Crooks

Felice Pauline DiPietro

Marcelle Alice Fleurette

Gerard Robert Gagnon

Jannette Florence Gaskill

Roy Albert Gavasso

Lillian Clara Gladu

Maurice Robert Godin

James Paul Hachey

Lawrence Everett Leach

Oscar Albert LeBlanc

Francis Gerald Locklin, Jr.

Albert Robert Marcet

Ralph Maus

Clark Lewis Meotti

Robert Eugene Nutting

Drew Haigh Palmer

Gerald Arthur Pantano

Paul Petrosky

Bradley Jewett Rowe

Donald Peter Short

Margaret Janet Short

Claire Corinne Trottier

Paul Trudeau

Esther Patricia Turner

Dolores Teresa Vanasse

Frances Madeline Walker

Kenneth William Young

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mr. Percy Rowe

Superintendent of Schools

Bellingham, Massachusetts

December 17, 1953

Dear Mr. Rowe:

The following is my report to you for the work done by me as School Physician for the Town of Bellingham for the year 1953.

Routine physical examinations were given to the children in grades one, four, seven and ten as recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. There were 319 children examined. Also all the athletes were examined for physical defects.

The general health of the students was good.
The number of defects noted is as follows:

Enlarged tonsils and inflammation of throats	56
Defective teeth	5
Heart murmurs	7
Poor posture	3

I want to thank you, the teachers and Misses Grace Moran, R. N. and Lucy King, R. N. for your splendid co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) HAROLD L. SHENKER, M. D.

School Physician, Town of Bellingham.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

1953

Mr. Percy L. Rowe

Superintendent of Schools:

May we submit to you the Annual School Nursing Report for the year ending December 1953.

The schools are visited once a week when in session; Mondays at the North School, Wednesdays at Center School and Thursdays at South Schools.

The Norfolk County Health Association conducted their annual chest clinic on October 19th. School personnel and members of the senior class were X-rayed at his time. The school nurse assisted.

During October and November the school nurse assisted Dr. Harold Shenker with the physical examinations. Grades 1, 4, 7, & 10, and all the boys interested in athletics were included. These findings will be included in Dr. Shenker's report.

During March, April and May our annual antigen clinics were conducted by Dr. Shenker assisted by two district nurses. Many hours of preparatory work taken to make this event the success it was.

In June a vaccination clinic was held at all three schools. The nurses assisted Dr. Shenker. This clinic was also very successful.

Registration of pupils entering school in September was held in June. The school nurse assisted.

The State Department again loaned the audiometer machine. The testings were done by the school nurse.

An epidemic of chicken pox occurred the first part of the year. Mumps, sore throats, colds and minor injuries were reported and investigated.

A general inspection of pupils was in progress at intervals throughout the year; and the usual measuring and weighing of pupils was done.

The following is a report of the work done by the nurse on her visits to the schools:

1	Inspection of pupils	1424
2	Pupils inspected for disease	75
3	Pupils recommended for exclusion	17
4	Pupil and nurse conferences	166
5	Pupils treated for minor injuries	150
6	Nurse and teacher conferences	542
7	Home visits	91

In closing may we thank Mr. Rowe, Dr. Shenker and the teachers for their courtesy and cooperation; the school committee and town officials for their support; and the parents who have made it a pleasure to work in Bellingham schools.

GRACE V. MORAN, R.N.,
Supervisor

LUCY KNG, R. N.
School Nurse

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

My Dear Mr. Rowe:

The music program in the Bellingham Schools is being carried out with the usual elasticity, some classes being slower or quicker than others. We concentrate on note reading and the production of good tone, always bearing in mind that the aim of Music Education in the Public Schools is primarily intended to create a love and appreciation of good music.

Last October, in Hayden Memorial Building, there was an interesting joint meeting of Teachers of Singing and School Music Supervisors. "Vocal Problems," a subject of interest to both parties, was presented and dealt with through a panel discussion. It was the general opinion that "the chief requisits for tools for correct voice placement and the feeling of breath release." Miss Gertrude Tingley a past-President of the Massachusetts Association of Teachers of Singing, and with whom I have taken several courses in voice technics, presided at the meeting and stressed the importance of correct breathing and tone placement. I find both these factors vital to choral training in order to acquire true beauty of tone with effortless flexibility. Maybe key signatures and scale progressions will be forgotten and maybe we will not develop any "prima donnas," but I believe that an ideal of good tone and an attitude of love and enthusiasm for fine music will continue, and will contribute something toward happiness in life.

During the days of the Christmas season, I approved of the singing in school of such songs as "Rudolph" and "White Christmas." I think that these two popular songs, and some others, have become part of the American scene. And I think that they can be sung with as correct tone, fine phrasing and good interpretation as the arranged foreign folk tunes that we sing each year.

In closing, again I want to thank you, Mr. Rowe, all the teachers, and everyone connected with the school program, for their fine continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE M. WILSON,

Supervisor of Music

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe

Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Rowe,

During the past year the boys and girls of Bellingham have enjoyed many opportunities for discovering and displaying their creative abilities in art.

Twenty-six pupils from the schools designed and submitted posters to the annual poster contest held by the Massachusetts S.P.C.A. in the Spring. Eight pupils were awarded prizes by the S.P.C.A.

At their March meeting, the South Bellingham P.T.A. sponsored an art exhibit at the High School. Sixty pupils from the South School, grades one through eight, displayed drawings and paintings. First, second, and third prizes were awarded by the P.T.A. to each class participating.

During the festive holiday season, pupils designed and made Christmas cards, favors, window decorations and home decorations, thus giving them ample opportunity to work with various media.

Mechanical Drawing students in the high school have become familiar with the various phases of working drawings, perspective, scale drawings and surface development.

I wish to thank you, Mr. Rowe, the School Committee, principals, and the teachers in Bellingham for such fine cooperation in the art program for our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

E, JANE COLEMAN,
Supervisor of Art

SCHOOL DIRECTORY — 1953 - 1954

School Committee

Name	Address	Term Expires
Lionel R. Trudeau, Chairman	South Bellingham	1955
Abbey E. Fagan	North Bellingham	1954
Ernest J. Dubois	South Bellingham	1956
Louis Daigle, Jr.	Bellingham	1956
Henry Boulais	South Bellingham	1955

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Percy L. Rowe, Ed. M. Office: Bellingham Center School. The Superintendent may be seen at any time by appointment. Telephone Milford 787-M-4.

SUPERVISORS

Name	Subject	Where Educated	Degree
William L. Rinehart	Handwriting	University of Pittsburgh	M.A.
Christine M. Wilson	Music	N. E. Conservatory of Music	3 Yrs.
E. Jane Coleman	Art	Mass. School of Art	B.S.E.

TEACHERS

Name	Subject	High School	Where Educated	Degree
Edward F. Collins, Principal	Psychology		Northeastern University	B.B.A.
James J. Keough	Latin, Economics, Government		R. I. College of Education Providence College	Ed. M. A.B.

M. Louise Kelley	English	Emmanuel College	A.B.	1944
Jeanne Cote	Commercial Ed.	Bryant College	B.S. in Bus. Ed.	1952
Francis J. Flynn	Science	St. Anselm's College	A.B.	1947
Eleanor Bailey	Home Economics, History, English	Regis College	B.S.	1947
William Conlan	Social Science	Brown University	A.B.	1949
Elizabeth A. Mulgrew	Science, Math.	Our Lady of the Elms	B.S.	1949

SOUTH SCHOOL

Anthony C. Minichiello, Principal	Grade 8	Holy Cross College Boston University	A.B. Ed. M.	1945
John DeLibero	Grade 6	Holy Cross	A.B.	1951
John DeSalvia (Part-time)	Grades 7-8	Holy Cross	B.S.E.	1951
	French I		B.S.E.	1951
Dorothy Ryan	Grades 7-8	Calvin Coolidge College	A.B.	1947
	French I-II			
Elizabeth Sullivan	Grade 6	Worcester S. T. College	B.S.E.	1942
Anna Gibbons	Grade 5	Our Lady of the Elms	A.B.	1952
Helen Keough	Grade 4	Worcester Normal	2 yrs.	1951
Ernestine Martineau	Grade 4	Riveier College	A.B.	1953
Anita Freeman	Grade 3	University of Alabama	B.S.	1950
Gertrude Worrall	Grade 2	Hyannis S. T. College	Summers	1945
Ruth Mandeville	Grade 1	R. I. College of Education	Ed. B.	1951
Helen Spont	Grade 1	R. I. College of Education	Ed. B.	1953
Veronica Wynne (Resigned)	Grade 3	R. I. College of Education	Ed. B.	1948
Margaret Haine	Grade 1	Perry Kindergarten	3 yrs.	1944
(Leave of Absence)				

CENTER SCHOOL

Edward J. Rabaoli, Principal
Helen Mahedy
Barbara Rhodes
Lucia Ficco

Grades 7-8
Grades 5-6
Grades 3-4
Grades 1-2

University of Mass.
Regis College
R. I. College of Education
Emmanuel College

1949
1949
1951
1953

NORTH SCHOOL

Clara Macy, Principal
Charles Jones
Laura Clancy
Isabella Murphy

Grades 3-4
Grades 7-8
Grades 5-6
Grades 1-2

Hyannis S. T. College
Boston University
Framingham S. T. College
Regis College

1914
1951
1945
1933

JANITORS

Alfred Godin
Rosario Trudeau
Carlton Gaskill
William McMahon

High School
South School
Center School
North School

South Bellingham
South Bellingham
Bellingham Center
North Bellingham

SCHOOL NURSE

Lucy King, R.N., Supervisor

Telephone: Milford 862

Milford District Nursing Association

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

The janitor of each building and the Superintendent of Schools.

TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Johnson Bus Lines, Inc., High School, Scott Hill, Rakeville, North and Center Routes.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD

January, 1954 to June, 1955

HIGH SCHOOL

Open January 4, 1954
Open March 1, 1954
Open April 26, 1954

Close February 19, 1954
Close April 15, 1954
Close June 25, 1954

SUMMER VACATION

OPEN

September 8, 1954
January 3, 1955
February 28, 1955
April 25, 1955

CLOSE

December 23, 1954
February 18, 1955
April 15, 1955
June 24, 1955

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Same as High School Except:
Close June 18, 1954
Close June 17, 1955

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Memorial Day Observance May 31, 1954
Columbus Day Observance October 12, 1954
Teachers' Convention October 29, 1954
Armistice Day Observance November 11, 1954
Thanksgiving Recess November 25-26, 1954

AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January 1st of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the Superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

The no-school signal will be broadcast at exactly 7:00, 7:15 and 7:30 over WWON in Woonsocket. Also before, during or immediately after news broadcasts over WNAC and WBZ. If there is no school in the morning there will be none in the afternoon.

In the event that schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, cold, or other severe weather) parents are requested to use their own judgment in regard to sending their children to school.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For The Year Ending December 31, 1953

General Appropriation	\$145,000.00
Total Expenditures	144,991.27
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 8.73

REIMBURSEMENTS

State-aid (Chapter 70)	\$ 39,858.78
Superintendent (Salary-Transportation)	2,240.03
All School Transportation	10,750.00
Tuition (Franklin)	157.62
State Wards (Tuition-Transportation)	1,386.27
Vocational Education	126.10
Insurance (Payment Storm Damage)	354.00
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Total Reimbursements	\$ 54,872.80

TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS

Total Expenditures	\$144,991.27
Total Reimbursements	54,872.80
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Net Cost by Taxation	\$ 90,118.47

EXPENDITURES

School Committee Expenses	\$ 437.26
Registration of Minors (Census)	650.00
Superintendent's Salary	3,839.99
Superintendent's Expenses	549.57
Supervisors' Salaries (Handwriting, Music, Art)	2,799.92
Supervisors' Expenses	200.00
Teachers' Salaries	82,565.31
Textbooks	2,182.62
School Supplies	2,278.96
Wages, Janitors	10,439.84
Fuel	4,135.16
Gas	55.21

Electricity	1,079.15
Telephones	521.85
Advertising	30.75
Janitors' Supplies	1,906.00
Water	80.00
Moving Pianos	27.00
Decorating	25.00
Replacements	1,001.40
Repairs	9,515.52
Libraries	95.62
Health Service	1,143.45
Transportation	15,756.50
New Equipment	2,208.73
Insurance	1,466.46
Total	<u>\$144,991.27</u>

HIGH SCHOOL AGE AND GRADE ENROLLMENT

October 1, 1953

										Grand
Grade	Sex	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total	Total
Freshmen	M	2	13	4	2	..	..	..	21	46
	F	11	11	3	..	..	..	..	25	
Sophomores	M	..	12	11	5	1	..	..	29	49
	F	..	6	11	3	..	..	..	20	
Juniors	M	..	..	6	8	2	1	..	17	31
	F	..	..	1	11	2	..	..	14	
Seniors	M	..	..	..	4	9	3	1	17	32
	F	..	..	..	9	6	..	..	15	
Total	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	158
	F	11	17	15	23	8	..	..	74	
GRAND TOTAL										

AGE AND GRADE — OCTOBER 1, 1953

Grade	Sex	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total
I	M	11	35	2										48
	F	11	35	3										49
II	M		16	21	2									39
	F		15	14	4	1								34
III	M			8	17	7	2							34
	F			12	23	3								38
IV	M				14	27	10	3	1					55
	F				4	17	3	1						25
V	M					6	15	8						29
	F					7	11	4	1					23
VI	M						17	21	8	3				49
	F						23	15	5	1				44
VII	M							11	12	10	5	2		40
	F							9	12	4	3			28
VIII	M							1	12	12	7	1		33
	F								11	17	2	1		31
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Total	M	11	51	31	33	40	44	44	33	25	12	3		327
	F	11	50	29	31	28	37	29	29	22	5	1		272
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GRAND TOTAL

559

Grades 7 & 8 housed in the High School.

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Taxpayers of Bellingham:

The Annual Report of the Accounting Department is herewith submitted.

It comprises a Statement of Appropriations, Transfers, Receipts and Expenditures. Also a Trial Balance showing balances carried forward to 1954, and of a Balance Sheet showing the financial condition of the Town as of December 31, 1953.

The Water Takers who have not paid water bills have deprived the Water Dept. of Revenue amounting to \$8,169.23.

The Accounts Receivable billed by the Welfare and Old Age Assistance Departments to other Cities and Towns amounts to over \$11,000 which is also uncollected.

The Town Debt increased \$68,680 last year and the interest will increase accordingly.

The amount of \$27,941.01 of Surplus Revenue, as of January 1, 1954, has been certified by the Director of Accounts, as available funds.

Thanks are extended to all for their cooperation during the past year.

JOSEPH I. TAYLOR,
Town Accountant.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1953

TAXES

1951 Personal	1,727.19
1952 Real Estate	6,533.47
1952 Poll	32.00
1952 Personal	2,185.03
1952 Real Estate	17,277.01

1953 Poll	2,312.00	
1953 Personal	13,571.21	
1953 Real Estate	191,507.74	
	<hr/>	235,095.65

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue

1951 M. V. Excise	60.95	
1952 M. V. Excise	6,087.36	
1953 M. V. Excise	29,363.31	
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Tax Titles

Tax Title Redemptions	547.75	547.75
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Interest

Interest, Demands, Tax Title Costs	1,058.34	
Interest Rebates	23.25	
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Loans

Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Revenue	90,000.00	
Highway Loans in Anticipation of Reimbursement	25,850.00	
Water Loans	68,680.00	
	<hr/>	184,530.00

Holding Accounts

Federal Withholding Taxes	17,013.46	
Dog Licenses Due County	768.60	
	<hr/>	17,782.06

Licenses

Pasteurization	20.00
Common Victuallers & Confectionery	38.00
Sunday Entertainment	254.00
Amusement	25.00
Used Car Class 1-2-3	61.00
Gasoline Permits	3.00
Liquor	3,058.00

Day Nursery	1.00	
Firearms Sales	5.00	
Pistol Permits	12.00	
Auctioneer's License	2.00	
Wiring Permits	100.00	
Peddlers' Licenses	20.00	
Ice Cream Licenses	21.00	
Golf Driving Range	1.00	
Pin Ball Licenses	100.00	
	<hr/>	3,721.00

Water Income

Water Rates and Charges	30,261.63	
Town of Mendon	293.71	
	<hr/>	30,555.34

Highway Reimbursements

Highway—Chapter 81—1952	6,952.79	
Highway—Chapter 81—1953	14,849.42	
Highway—Chapter 90 Maintenance—1952	1,999.86	
Highway—Chapter 90 Maintenance—1953	1,999.94	
Highway—Chapter 90 Construction—1953	8,996.85	
Highway—Machinery Revenue	3,010.75	
	<hr/>	37,809.61

School Reimbursements

School Aid—State—Chapter 70	39,858.78	
School Superintendent—State	2,240.03	
School Tuition & Transportation—State	1,386.27	
School Transportation—State	10,750.00	
School Tuition & Transportation—Cities and Towns	157.62	
Vocational Education—State	126.10	
School Insurance Claim	354.00	
	<hr/>	54,872.80
School Athletics (Revolving Fund)	1,206.16	1,206.16

Charities

Disability Assistance—U. S.	2,606.46	
Disability Assistance Administration U. S.	337.02	
Disability Assistance—State	1,282.83	
Disability Assistance Administration—State	168.51	
	<hr/>	4,394.82

Old Age Assistance—U. S.	32,820.42	
Old Age Assistance Administration—U. S.	2,672.93	
Old Age Assistance—State	23,866.27	
Old Age Assistance—Meal Tax—State	1,498.69	
Old Age Assistance—Cities & Towns	436.39	
	<hr/>	61,294.70
Temporary Aid—State	6,314.55	
Support of Indigent Persons	160.00	
Temporary Aid—Cities & Towns	359.10	
Temporary Aid Recoveries	8.00	
	<hr/>	6,841.65
Aid to Dependent Children—U. S.	5,195.34	
Aid to Dependent Children Admr.—U. S.	660.31	
Aid to Dependent Children—State	3,685.04	
	<hr/>	9,540.69
Veterans Aid—State	4,894.06	4,894.06
State Income		
Income Tax	8,709.43	
Corporation Tax—Business	14,715.13	
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Miscellaneous Receipts

Cemetery Trust Fund Bequests	273.20	
Dog License Refund from County	679.35	
Health Subsidy	583.57	
Cemetery Trust Fund Withdrawals	256.30	
Court Fines	55.00	
Library Fines	9.00	
Library Book Sales	7.50	
Sealer of Weights	70.00	
Insurance Dividend—Highway	11.60	
Insurance Claims—Highway	18.00	
Insurance Claims—Fire Dept.	15.50	
Tailings (Unclaimed Checks)	65.90	
Tax Book Sales	1.00	
Premium on Sale of Water Bonds	46.64	
Refunds—Telephone Calls	.25	
Refunds—Public Welfare	30.00	
Refunds—Old Age Assistance	273.70	
Refunds—Veterans Services	272.50	
Refunds—Teacher Annuities	4.16	
	<hr/>	2,673.17
School—Chapter 70 Overpayment		
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS 1953		722,020.08

CASH EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1953

Moderator

Appropriation	35.00		
Transfer	10.00		
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	45.00		
Expenditures			
Salaries		45.00	45.00

Finance Committee

Appropriation	50.00		
Expenditures			
Dues		10.00	10.00

Selectmen

Appropriation	1,800.00		
Expenditures			
Selectmen's Salaries		950.00	
Clerk's Salary		520.00	
Traveling Expenses		105.00	
Postage & Office Supplies		68.11	
Posting Warrants		9.00	
Telephone Tolls		44.80	
Dues		31.00	
Typewriter Repairs		27.35	
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			1,755.26

Accountant

Appropriation	1,853.00		
Expenditures			
Salary		1,700.00	
Dues		3.00	
Postage & Office Supplies		96.53	
Telephone Tolls		.50	
Traveling Expense		5.00	
Storage Cabinet		47.50	
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			1,852.53

Treasurer

Appropriation	2,300.00
Transfer	195.00
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	2,495.00

Expenditures

Salary	1,700.00	
Traveling Expense	180.00	
Bond	154.50	
Postage & Office Suplpies	163.94	
Dues	2.00	
Telephone Tolls	17.06	
Express	5.57	
Robbery Insurance	36.00	
Checks	101.26	
Typewriter	132.50	
	<hr/>	2,492.83

Tax Collector

Appropriation	2,650.00
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Expenditures

Salary	1,700.00	
Deputy Collector	15.00	
Collector's Meetings	25.50	
Preparing Tax Titles	40.20	
Dues	2.00	
Bond	308.75	
Telephone	73.71	
Postage & Office Supplies	300.07	
Insurance	51.10	
Advertising	9.90	
Registry of Deeds	12.12	
Typewriter	75.00	
	<hr/>	2,613.35

Assessors

Appropriations	4,319.00
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Expenditures

Salaries	3,000.00
Traveling Expense	399.00
Clerk	350.00

Norwood & Boston Meetings	44.00	
Postage & Office Supplies	48.39	
Telephones	194.36	
Preparing Abstracts	5.50	
Photostats	132.88	
Dues	9.00	
Office Furniture	125.00	
	<hr/>	4,308.13

Certifying Notes

Appropriation	70.00	
Expenditures		
Notes Certified	70.00	70.00

Legal—Town Counsel

Appropriation	600.00	
Expenditures		
Town Counsel's Salary	600.00	600.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation	1,500.00	
Expenditures		
Salary	1,020.00	
Bond	7.50	
Telephone	124.16	
Postage & Office Supplies	56.02	
Vital Statistics	241.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	20.50	
Officials Oaths of Office	16.00	
Notarial Fee	7.00	
Sign Repairs	5.00	
Advertising	2.38	
	<hr/>	1,499.56

Elections & Registrations

Appropriation	1,500.00	
Expenditures		
Election Officials	304.38	
Postage & Office Supplies	176.88	
Election Lunches	41.77	
Salaries—Board of Registrars & Clerk	375.00	

Clerical Expense	30.00	
Printing Ballots & Registration Notices	9.00	
Advertising	3.13	
Young Census & Addresses	355.00	
Election Forms	15.00	
Telephone	17.00	
Ballots	70.00	
Poll Tax Lists	100.00	
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Town Hall

Appropriation	3,700.00	
Expenditures		
Janitor's Salary	1,580.00	
Fuel	1,221.15	
Telephone	288.39	
Electricity	240.56	
Water	30.01	
Philgas	29.49	
Maintenance Supplies	68.91	
Repairs	46.58	
Memorial Day Decorations	15.00	
	<hr/>	3,520.09

Town Hall—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation	500.00	
1952 Balance	68.17	
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	568.17	
Expenditures ..		
Drain Pipe Repairs	53.00	
Room Repairs	115.00	
Boiler Repairs	349.78	
Lavatory Repairs	35.51	
	<hr/>	553.29

North Community Building

Appropriation	620.00	
Expenditures		
Janitor's Salary	260.00	
Water	20.00	
Electricity	29.37	

Fuel	175.46	
Utility Gas	13.00	
Memorial Day Decorations	15.00	
Maintenance Supplies	23.06	
Repairs	17.71	
	<hr/>	553.60

North Community Bldg.—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriations	200.00	
1952 Balance	125.93	
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	325.93	
Expenditures		
Building Repairs	17.00	
Venetian Blinds	58.00	
Fluorescent Lights	7.88	
	<hr/>	82.88

South Community Building

Appropriation	1,000.00	
Expenditures		
Janitor's Salary	280.00	
Water	20.00	
Fuel	550.81	
Electricity	50.50	
Memorial Day Decorations	15.00	
Maintenance Supplies	51.83	
Repairs	23.52	
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South Community Bldg.—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation	200.00	
1952 Balance	134.92	
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	334.92	
Expenditures		
Oil Burner Repairs	26.88	
Paint	7.63	
Tables	96.08	
Flanges	32.00	
Bubblers	38.34	
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Town Buildings Insurance

Appropriation	500.00	
Expenditures		
Insurance Premiums	298.44	298.44

Police Dept.

Appropriation	9,925.00
Transfer	125.00
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	10,050.00

Expenditures		
Chief's Salary	4,160.00	
Clerk's Salary	520.00	
Special Officers	1,239.00	
Dog Officer's Salary	50.00	
Lock-up Rent	75.00	
Radio Expense	575.72	
Gas & Oil	407.94	
Police Car Expense	669.63	
Telephones	538.92	
Postage & Office Supplies	51.00	
Insurance	204.85	
Lunches	8.99	
Typewriter Repairs	25.50	
Dues	13.00	
Flowers	20.00	
Light Repairs & Flares	21.97	
Ammunition	16.00	
Express	1.50	
Cleaning	5.50	
Paint	42.00	
Badges	3.60	
Police Car Purchase	1,390.00	
Police Car Advertising	9.75	
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		10,049.87

Police Uniforms Account

Appropriation	100.00	
Expenditures		
Wearing Apparel	96.05	
Cleaning	3.80	
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		99.85

Fire Dept.

Appropriation	5,575.00
Transfer	635.00

Expenditures

Chief's Salary	1,200.00
Call Men	992.52
Station Caretakers	547.50
Telephones	409.91
Insurance	225.75
Gas & Oil	197.22
Truck Expense	331.02
Repairs	299.08
Equipment & Supplies	1,475.14
Postage & Office Supplies	163.38
Badges	32.47
Searchlights	64.75
Medical Expense	11.00
Fire Alarm System Repairs	260.22
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	6,209.96

Forest Fires

Appropriation	2,830.00
Transfer	1,000.00

 3,830.00
Expenditures

Fire Warden's Salary	500.00
Call Men	2,696.63
Dues	5.00
Supplies	91.14
Office Supplies	22.75
Out of Town Fire Depts.	72.50
Truck Expense	23.00
Portable Generator	397.00
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	3,808.02

Fire Resuscitators Purchase

Appropriation	1,300.00
Expenditures	
Resuscitators	1,194.00

Blankets	26.00	
Advertising	8.25	
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Sealer of Weights

Appropriation	125.00	
Expenditures		
Salary	75.00	
Traveling Expense	37.00	
Supplies	10.50	
Telephone	2.50	
	<hr/>	125.00

Mcth Extermination

Appropriation	150.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	138.00	
Supplies	3.00	
Car Hire	9.00	
	<hr/>	150.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation	800.00	
Transfer	351.25	
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	1,151.25	
Expenditures		
Salary and Labor	841.80	
Equipment Hire	302.00	
Repairs	6.50	
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Inspectors of Wires

Appropriation	150.00	
Expenditures		
Salary	75.00	
Traveling Expense	62.24	
Advertising	8.40	
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Health Dept.

Appropriation	3,900.00	
Expenditures		
Town Dump Caretaker	199.92	
Town Dump Land Lease	60.00	
Town Dump Maintenance	383.00	
Hospitals	921.00	
Nursing Association	950.00	
Doctors Fees	10.00	
Health Doctor	100.00	
Vaccination Clinic	62.00	
Slaughtering Inspector's Salary	50.00	
Milk & Animal Inspector's Salary	250.00	
Traveling Expense	60.00	
	<hr/>	3,045.92

Norfolk County Hospital

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Assessors' Estimate	4,092.36	
Expenditures		
County Hospital Assessment	5,992.29	5,992.29

Sidewalk Maintenance

Appropriation	250.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	143.60	
Asphalt & Tar	101.48	
Sand	3.40	
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Highway—Chapter 81

Appropriation	6,750.00	
State Allowance	14,850.00	
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	21,600.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	7,680.60	
Machinery Revenue	2,256.00	
Asphalt, Tar, Concrete	6,941.83	
Equipment Hire	1,800.50	
Patch	690.81	
Sand & Gravel	1,377.33	

Stone	328.77	
Blocks, Rings, Manholes	208.32	
Frames, Grates, Covers	230.40	
Pipes	84.60	
	<hr/>	21,599.16

Highway—Chapter 90 Maintenance

Appropriation	1,000.00	
State & County Allowance	2,000.00	
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	3,000.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	654.75	
Machinery Revenue	280.25	
Equipment Hire	28.00	
Asphalt & Tar	1,621.00	
Sand	415.92	
	<hr/>	2,999.92

Highway—Chapter 90 Construction

Appropriation	3,000.00	
State & County Allowance	9,000.00	
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	12,000.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	4,679.15	
Machinery Revenue	474.50	
Asphalt Concrete	1,575.77	
Concrete	895.00	
Cement & Mortar Mix	473.61	
Equipment Hire	2,010.50	
Sand & Gravel	209.18	
Stone	24.30	
Granite Bricks	1,210.51	
Retaining Wall Forms	210.50	
Lumber & Nails	148.56	
Pipe	19.80	
Kerosene	61.28	
Crayons	6.00	
	<hr/>	11,998.66

Highway—Special

Appropriation	3,500.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	736.35	
Postage, Office Supplies & Expense	186.18	
Telephone	128.65	
Equipment Hire	425.00	
Sand & Gravel	158.82	
Asphalt, Tar, Concrete	954.06	
Supplies	788.78	
Dues	3.00	
Retaining Wall	34.50	
Boots and Wearing Apparel	49.85	
Badges and Belts	34.40	
	<hr/>	3,499.59

Bridges & Railings

Appropriation	1,000.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	372.80	
Materials & Supplies	339.12	
Stones	90.83	
Patch	7.26	
Concrete Posts	165.75	
Signs	24.00	
	<hr/>	999.76

Signs & Guideboards

Appropriation	700.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	254.40	
Material & Supplies	71.20	
Signs	370.80	
Express	1.50	
	<hr/>	697.90

Snow Removal

Appropriations	9,000.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	2,224.65	
Equipment Hire	4,373.75	

Sand & Salt	1,434.00	
Repairs	136.50	
Plow Blades	371.07	
Snow Fence	391.16	
Paint	10.39	
Lunches	26.57	
	<hr/>	8,968.09

Sweeping & Cleaning Sand

Appropriation	2,500.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	1,868.70	
Equipment Hire	630.00	
	<hr/>	2,498.70

Highway—Machinery Account

Appropriation	3,000.00	
Transfers	3,097.50	
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	6,097.50	
Expenditures		
Labor	62.40	
Trucks & Car Repairs & Expense	1,480.60	
Supplies	81.72	
Gas & Oil	2,404.30	
Insurance & Registration	856.94	
Sand Spreader	313.93	
Pump Repairs	25.75	
Brush Master	400.49	
Chain Saw	327.00	
Grinder & Vise	40.95	
	<hr/>	5,994.08

Street Lighting

Appropriation	5,700.00	
Expenditures		
Worcester County Electric Co.	3,971.36	
Boston Edison Co.	1,428.13	
	<hr/>	5,399.49

Brisson Avenue—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation	3,500.00	
1952 Balance	34.70	
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	3,534.70	
Expenditures		
Labor	826.65	
Equipment Hire	1,310.75	
Frames & Grates	78.00	
Blocks & Rings	34.72	
Cement Work	20.00	
Sand, Gravel, Loam	344.68	
Asphalt & Tar	880.59	
Pipes	20.25	
Posts	18.75	
	<hr/>	3,534.39

Cranberry Meadow Road—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation	2,800.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	748.50	
Sand & Gravel	790.86	
Equipment Hire	439.50	
Asphalt & Tar	815.97	
Supplies	4.00	
	<hr/>	2,798.83

Dube Street—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation Balance 1952	250.70	
Expenditures		
Labor	67.95	
Asphalt & Tar	126.18	
Equipment Hire	56.00	
	<hr/>	250.13

Easy Street—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation	1,800.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	429.55	
Equipment Hire	452.00	
Sand & Gravel	207.37	

Asphalt & Tar	701.19	
Loam	9.50	
	<hr/>	1,799.61

Farm Street—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	450.80	
Equipment Hire	316.00	
Asphalt & Tar	958.36	
Sand & Gravel	274.06	
	<hr/>	1,999.22

Freeman Street—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation	800.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	170.50	
Equipment Hire	480.00	
Gravel	93.60	
Plates	36.00	
Patch	17.60	
	<hr/>	797.70

Lake Street—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation	3,500.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	1,139.30	
Asphalt, Tar, Concrete	923.68	
Equipment Hire	1,055.50	
Sand & Gravel	260.05	
Stone	8.75	
Supplies	6.99	
Pipe	70.56	
Blocks & Rings	34.72	
	<hr/>	3,499.55

Linwood Avenue—Repairs and Improvements

Appropriation	800.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	191.80	
Equipment Hire	480.00	

Gravel	119.55	
Patch	6.60	
	<hr/>	797.95

Locust Street—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation	3,600.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	1,023.80	
Equipment Hire	790.00	
Sand & Gravel	279.51	
Asphalt, Tar, Concrete	1,075.35	
Stone	90.18	
Blocks	6.00	
Cement	14.11	
Cutting Trees	62.00	
Pipes	249.84	
Dynamite & Caps	8.80	
	<hr/>	3,599.59

Mansion Street—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation	1,800.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	524.60	
Equipment Hire	674.50	
Pipe	35.28	
Asphalt & Tar	440.71	
Sand & Gravel	123.87	
	<hr/>	1,798.96

Mohawk Street—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation	3,800.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	785.55	
Equipment Hire	1,859.50	
Sand & Gravel	289.78	
Asphalt & Tar	821.62	
Pipes	42.84	
	<hr/>	3,799.29

Orchard Street—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation	700.00	
Expenditures		
Labor		166.10
Equipment Hire		344.00
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		510.10

Poirier Street—Repairs & Improvements

Appropriation	600.00	
Expenditures		
Labor		142.10
Equipment Hire		148.00
Sand & Gravel		70.01
Asphalt, Tar, Concrete		237.86
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		597.97

Muron Avenue Drain

Appropriation	800.00	
Expenditures		
Labor		323.55
Equipment Hire		260.00
Pipe		111.96
Cutting Drain		5.00
Sand & Gravel		25.72
Concrete		50.60
Stone		19.50
Lumber		3.04
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		799.37

Lowland Road Brook Dredging

Appropriation	800.00	
Expenditures		
Labor		168.00
Equipment Hire		256.00
Pipes		342.04
Blocks & Manholes		33.72
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		799.76

Highway Dump Trucks Purchase

Appropriation	7,200.00	
Expenditures		
Advertising	9.75	
New Trucks	6,700.00	
Spare Tires	354.35	
Generators	100.00	
Accessories	31.39	
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		7,195.49

Public Welfare

Appropriation	15,500.00	
Transfer	2,500.00	
Refund	30.00	
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	18,030.00	
Expenditures		
Board Members' Salaries	650.00	
Postage & Supplies	1.00	
Telephones	211.30	
Cash Payments	3,891.81	
Town of Franklin	698.97	
Hospitals	1,454.68	
Doctors and Dentists	331.34	
Medical	181.75	
Groceries	7,444.80	
Fuel	705.14	
Rent	1,400.65	
Wearing Apparel	230.27	
Electricity	134.42	
Oil Burner Services	14.25	
Dues and Subscriptions	10.00	
Ambulance Service	55.00	
Hearing Aid Expense	102.65	
Funeral	150.00	
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		17,668.03
	6,291.52	

Disability Assistance

Appropriation—Town	3,500.00
U. S. Grants—Balance 1952	185.06

U. S. Grants—1953	2,606.46	
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Expenditures		
Cash Payments	5,064.70	
	<hr/>	5,064.70

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation—Town	43,460.00	
U. S. Grants—Balance 1952	2,820.66	
U. S. Grants—1953	32,820.42	
Refunds	458.50	
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	79,559.58	
Expenditures		
Cash Payments	66,170.73	
Agent's Salary	1,005.67	
Clerk's Salary	1,759.88	
Agent's Traveling Expense	82.48	
Postage & Supplies	437.54	
Auto Expense	250.36	
Auto Insurance	100.98	
Town of Millville	176.40	
Typewriter Repairs	20.00	
Property Lien's Expense	10.00	
Checks	65.61	
	<hr/>	70,079.65

Old Age Assistance Administration U. S.

U. S. Grants—1952 Balance	483.97	
U. S. Grants—1953	2,672.93	
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	3,156.90	
Expenditures		
Agent's Salary	2,794.96	
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Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation—Town	8,000.00
U. S. Grant—1952 Balance	195.07

U. S. Grant—1953	5,195.34	
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	13,390.41	
Expenditures		
Cash Payments	10,272.32	
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Aid to Dependent Children Administration U. S.

U. S. Grant—1952 Balance	688.27	
U. S. Grant—1953	660.31	
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	1,348.58	
Expenditures		
Board Members Traveling Expense	225.00	
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Veterans' Services

Appropriation	11,000.00	
Refunds	272.50	
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	11,272.50	
Expenditures		
Director's Salary	700.00	
Director's Traveling Expense	295.00	
Cash Payments	8,349.50	
Groceries	101.41	
Medical	170.77	
Postage & Office Supplies	25.50	
Fuel	717.42	
Subscriptions	18.00	
Honor Roll Expense	192.01	
Doctors	126.00	
Hospitals	333.95	
Ambulance Service	55.00	
Transportation	47.00	
Supplies	24.47	
Typewriter	109.00	
	<hr/>	11,265.03

SCHOOL DEPT.

Appropriation	145,000.00
Expenditures	

General Expenses

School Committee Expense	437.26	
Superintendent's Salary	3,839.99	
Superintendent's Traveling Expense	411.79	
Superintendent's Office Supplies	65.95	
Superintendent's Office Secretary	75.25	
School Census Salaries	650.00	
	<hr/>	5,480.24

Expenses of Instruction

Supervisors' Salaries	2,799.92	
Principals' Salaries	14,483.04	
Teachers' Salaries	67,532.27	
Textbooks	2,182.02	
Supplies	1,993.27	
Graduation Expenses	154.51	
Registration & Attendance Records	200.00	
	<hr/>	89,345.03

Expenses Operating School Plants

Janitors' Salaries	10,439.84	
Operating Supplies and Expense	2,159.90	
Fuel	4,414.21	
Water	92.50	
Gas	55.21	
Electricity	1,070.03	
Telephones	521.85	
Advertising	30.75	
Groceries	30.56	
Memorial Day Decorations	25.00	
	<hr/>	18,839.85

Maintenance of Plants

Repairs & Improvements	5,081.81	
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Capital Outlays

New Equipment	7,254.31	
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Auxiliary Agencies

School Libraries	95.62	
Health Services	1,143.45	
Transportation	15,756.50	
Athletic Coaches	550.00	
Insurance	1,444.46	
	<hr/>	18,990.03
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		144,991.27

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Appropriation	1,500.00	
Expenditures		
Vocational Schools	472.70	
Home Instruction	471.00	
Transportation	56.75	
Electric Refrigerator	216.57	
	<hr/>	1,217.02

School Athletic Fund (Revolving)

Balance 1952	581.12	
Receipts 1953	1,206.16	
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	1,787.28	
Expenditures		
Athletic Officials & Police Officers	478.25	
Athletes Benefit Fund	39.50	
Athletic Supplies	532.41	
Uniforms	210.60	
Tickets	29.75	
Game Guarantees	15.00	
Awards	45.20	
Cleaning	24.75	
County League & Tournament Registration	10.00	
Medical Expense	75.75	
Transportation	40.00	
Turkey	10.00	
	<hr/>	1,511.21

School Athletic Fund—Town

Appropriation	300.00	
Expenditures		
Uniforms	50.00	
Awards	250.00	
	<hr/>	300.00

School Building Committee Expense

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Expenditures		
Engineering Survey	129.25	
Title Records Examination	50.00	
Committees' Traveling Expense	111.90	
Dinners	26.80	
	<hr/>	317.95

School Land Purchase

Appropriation	5,000.00	
Expenditures		
Land	5,000.00	
	<hr/>	5,000.00

LIBRARIES

Appropriation	820.65	
Transfer	679.35	
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	1,500.00	
Expenditures		
Librarians' Salaries	620.50	
Janitor's Salary	104.00	
Trustees' Salaries	250.02	
Books & Magazines	198.90	
Postage & Supplies	35.23	
Book Cases	138.00	
Desk	17.95	
Fuel	40.00	
Electricity	16.00	
Memorial Day Decorations	3.00	
Painting	21.99	
	<hr/>	1,445.59

Interest

Appropriation	5,993.75	
Expenditures		
High School Loan Interest	150.00	
Water Loan Interest	4,696.25	
Highway Loan Interest	376.10	
Revenue Loan Interest	480.23	
	<hr/>	5,702.58

Maturing Debt

Appropriation	18,000.00	
Expenditures		
High School Loan	2,000.00	
Water Loans	16,000.00	
	<hr/>	18,000.00

Municipal Athletic Fields

Appropriation	2,500.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	185.65	
Equipment Hire	361.50	
Fertilizer	58.37	
Gravel & Loam	353.97	
Lumber	306.14	
Grass Seeds & Lime	102.38	
Field Equipment	41.80	
Power Mower	75.00	
Plumbing	22.60	
Paint	250.45	
Supplies & Padlocks	21.00	
Basket-ball Court	680.00	
Water	9.00	
	<hr/>	2,467.86

Damage to Property—Injuries to Persons

Appropriations	300.00	
Expenditures		
Property and Damage Claims	87.50	
Doctors	15.00	
Medical	9.25	
	<hr/>	111.75

Memorial Day Committee

Appropriations	670.00	
Expenditures		
Monument Decorations	10.00	
Honor Roll Care and Expense	65.00	
Bands	65.00	
Bugler	15.00	
Transportation	20.00	
Lunch Expense	51.58	
Wreaths and Flowers	156.00	
Flags	174.20	
Monument Care	25.00	
Committee Expenses	55.00	
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		636.78

Printing Town Reports

Appropriation	1,250.00	
Expenditures		
Town Report Printing	1,002.80	
Finance Committee Report Printing	50.00	
Delivering Town Reports	130.80	
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		1,183.60

Norfolk County Retirement Fund

Appropriation	2,052.20	
Expenditures		
County Assessment	2,052.20	
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		2,052.20

WATER DEPT.

Appropriation	23,000.00	
Transfer	262.76	
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	23,262.76	
Expenditures		
Superintendent's Salary	3,220.00	
Labor	2,663.48	
Commissioners' Salaries	325.00	
Clerk's Salary	500.00	
Collector's Salary	391.66	
Commissioner's Traveling Expense	39.00	

Collector's Bond	7.50	
Insurance	87.50	
Telephones	285.44	
Postage & Office Supplies	279.12	
Material & Supplies	6,472.41	
Repairs	1,129.77	
Electricity	4,712.06	
Advertising	84.45	
Gravel	165.75	
Cement & Concrete	59.60	
Equipment Hire—Excavating	628.40	
Patch	154.37	
Pump and Installation	948.16	
Utility Gas	40.00	
Truck Expense	658.02	
Registry of Deeds	28.27	
Signs	48.63	
Express	7.59	
Dues & Subscriptions	11.50	
Garage Rent	28.00	
Rubber Boots	35.85	
Desk	164.50	
File	71.50	
Lunches	5.20	
	<hr/>	23,252.73

Scott Hill Acres—Water Mains

1952 Balance	742.30	
Expenditures		
Labor	105.10	
Pipe	618.00	
	<hr/>	723.10

Scott Hill Boulevard—Water Mains

1952 Balance	6,800.00	
Appropriation	600.00	
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	7,400.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	332.45	
Materials & Supplies	3,349.88	

Installing Valves	125.00	
Equipment Hire and Excavating	3,585.50	
Sand & Gravel	6.25	
	<hr/>	7,399.08

Water System—Well Location Survey

1952 Balance	395.77	
Expenditures		
Well Drilling and Pipe	254.00	
	<hr/>	254.00

Well Location Land Purchase

1952 Balance	6,600.00	
Expenditures		
Peter & Pauline Kornicki	6,000.00	
Legal Expense	91.50	
Surveying Expense	7.00	
	<hr/>	6,098.50

Insallation Water Mains & Hydrants—Stone St., Caryville

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	121.50	
Material & Supplies	1,059.50	
Equipment Hire—Excavating	694.00	
Installing Valves	125.00	
	<hr/>	2,000.00

Douglas Drive—James St.—Rondeau Road—Silver Ave.—Water Mains

Appropriation	12,000.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	839.45	
Certifying Notes	7.00	
Postage	1.53	
Materials & Supplies	4,460.44	
Posts	42.00	
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Depot Street—Water Mains

Appropriation	4,224.00	
Expenditures		
Material & Supplies	1,713.84	
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Lake Street—Water Mains

Appropriation	16,856.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	777.80	
Material & Supplies	6,719.66	
Equipment Hire—Excavating	3,976.50	
Sand & Gravel	12.25	
Posts	28.00	
	<hr/>	11,514.21

Additional Water Supply Construction

Appropriation	35,000.00	
Expenditures		
Loan Coupons	23.25	
Engineering Service	2,250.00	
Well Construction	31,000.00	
Transformer Change	75.00	
Equipment Hire	80.00	
Materials & Supplies	127.51	
Pumping Station Ceiling	79.50	
Pumping Station Door Canopy	42.00	
Pumping Station Road Graveling	475.00	
	<hr/>	34,152.26

Water Dept. Truck Purchase

Appropriation	3,000.00	
Expenditures		
Advertising	7.50	
Truck	2,990.00	
Lettering	1.50	
	<hr/>	2,999.90

Cemeteries

Appropriation	1,100.00	
Expenditures		

Center Cemetery

Salary and Labor	399.58	
Equipment Hire	25.00	
Fire Dept.	4.50	
Mower and Repairs	35.80	
Water	9.00	
Fertilizer	17.74	
Insurance	5.00	
Supplies	2.96	
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North Cemetery

Salary and Labor	200.00	
Fire Dept.	9.00	
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South Cemetery

Salary and Labor	375.00	
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		1,083.58

Non-Appropriation Accounts**Expenditures**

Real Estate Tax 1951 Refunds	35.82
Real Estate Tax 1952 Refunds	66.83
Real Estate Tax 1953 Refunds	817.21
M. V. Excise Tax 1952 Refunds	67.72
M. V. Excise Tax 1953 Refunds	713.07
Interest Refund 1952	.04
Federal Withholding Taxes	17,159.13
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Bequests	273.20
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Withdrawals	256.30
Dog Licenses Due County	768.60
County Tax 1953	5,524.67
State Audit	889.15
State Parks & Reservations	498.62
Revenue Loans	90,000.00
Highway Loans	25,850.00

Premium on Sale of Water Bonds	40.25	
Water Meter Deposits	10.00	
Teachers' Annuity Refund	4.16	
School Aid—Chapter 70 Overpayment (State)	6,242.85	
Tailings	63.65	
Tax Title Foreclosure Expense	13.42	
	<hr/>	149,294.69
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1953		<hr/> 702,574.46

NOTES AND LOANS

Date	For	Rate	Unpaid	Due 1954
Feb. 1, 1938	High School Loan	2½ %	10,000	2,000
Mar. 1, 1939	Water Bonds P.W.A.	2½ %	102,000	7,000
Mar. 1, 1939	Water Bonds W.P.A.	2¾ %	26,000	2,000
Aug. 1, 1949	Water Bonds	2¼ %	7,000	2,000
May 1, 1950	Water Bonds	2 %	21,000	3,000
July 1, 1951	Water Bonds	2¼ %	11,000	2,000
Jan. 15, 1953	Water Bonds	2¼ %	35,000	4,000
Nov. 15, 1953	Water Bonds	2½ %	33,680	4,680
			<hr/> 245,680	<hr/> 26,680

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Appropriation	2,000.00
Transfers	
October 22 to Tree Warden	315.25
December 21 to Police Dept.	125.00
December 28 to Moderator	10.00
	<hr/> 486.25

UNPAID BILLS—1953

Water Department	1,311.86
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1953 TRANSFERS VOTED AT ANNUAL AND SPECIAL

'TOWN MEETINGS

Date	Article	From	To	Amount
Mar. 6—1,	Item 47,	Dog License Refund	Library	679.35
May 11—1,	Machinery Revenue	Highway-Machinery Acct.		1,100.00

May 11—3, Surplus Revenue	Tax Rate—Revenue	12,000.00
Oct. 26—1, Machinery Revenue	Highway-Mach. Acct.	1,997.50
Oct. 26—2, Interest	Treasurer	195.00
Oct. 26—3, Town Buildings Insurance	Fire Dept.	200.00
Oct. 26—3, Fire Dept. Resuscitators	Fire Dept.	70.00
Oct. 26—3, Street Lighting	Fire Dept.	300.00
Oct. 26—3, Printing Town Reports	Fire Dept.	65.00
Oct. 26—4, Overlay Surplus	Forest Fires	1,000.00
Oct. 26—5, Overlay Surplus	School Land Purchase	5,000.00
Dec. 28—3, Old Age Assistance	Public Welfare	2,500.00
Dec. 28—5, Water System—Well Survey	Water Dept.	141.77
Dec. 28—5, Additional Water Supply	Water Dept.	120.99

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM—TRIAL BALANCE

December 31, 1953

Cash	71,347.30	
Personal Taxes 1952	1,202.95	
Real Estate Taxes 1952	5,815.49	
Personal Taxes 1953	4,049.85	
Real Estate Taxes 1953	27,239.23	
Motor Vehicles Taxes 1952	82.43	
Motor Vehicles Taxes 1953	5,633.36	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue		5,715.79
Tax Titles	3,585.02	
Tax Title Revenue		3,585.02
Tax Title Town Possessions	2,515.48	
Tax Title Town Possessions Revenue		2,515.48
Water Meter Deposits		330.00
Water Rates & Charges—Accts. Rec.	8,169.23	
Water Revenue		8,169.23
Temporary Aid—Cities, Towns, State,		
Accts. Rec.	8,001.39	
Aid to Dependent Children—State, Accts. Rec.	991.21	
Old Age Assistance—Cities & Towns,		
Accts. Rec.	3,114.00	
Veterans Benefits—State—Accts. Rec.	702.27	
Departmental Revenue		12,808.87
Tailings—Reserve for Unclaimed Checks		151.17
Withholding Taxes		1,395.68
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Income		37.22
Overlay Surplus		748.58
Overlay 1938	10.10	

Overlay 1939	30.00	
Overlay 1940	32.90	
Overlay 1941	36.00	
Overlay 1942	37.92	
Overlay 1943	36.80	
Overlay 1944	38.40	
Overlay 1945	36.18	
Overlay 1946	17.80	
Overlay 1947	16.40	
Overlay 1948	17.60	
Overlay 1949	15.60	
Overlay 1950	15.20	
Overlay 1952		638.51
Overlay 1953		1,053.39
County Tax 1953		.57
State Parks & Reservations 1953	161.20	
Tax Title Foreclosure Expense Reserve		939.94
Surplus Revenue		66,248.53
Revenue 1954	2,000.00	
Highway Loans in Anticipation of Reimbursements		25,850.00
State Aid to Highways—Chapter 90 Construction—Accts. Rec.	5,999.33	
County Aid to Highways—Chapter 90 Construction—Accts. Rec.	2,999.67	
Norfolk County Hospital 1953	1,899.93	
Orchard Street—Repairs and Improvements		189.90
Winter Street—Repairs & Improvements		2,200.00
Disability Assistance—U. S.		255.89
Disability Assistance Administration—U. S.		737.15
Old Age Assistance—U. S.		1,066.76
Old Age Assistance Administration—U. S.		361.94
Aid to Dependent Children—U. S.		39.14
Aid to Dependent Children Administration—U. S.		1,123.58
School Athletic Fund (Revolving)		276.07
School Building Committee Expense		1,682.05
School Land Topographical Survey		2,000.00
Well Location Land Purchase		501.50
Additional Water Supply Construction		726.75
Douglas Drive—James St.—Rondeau Rd.—Silver Ave.—Water mains		6,649.58
Depot Street—Water Mains		2,510.16
Lake Street—Water Mains		5,341.79
Net Funded & Fixed Debt	245,680.00	
High School Building Loan		10,000.00

Water Bonds—W.P.A.		26,000.00
Water Bonds—P.W.A.		102,000.00
Water Bonds—Wrentham—Lake—Locust Sts.		7,000.00
Water Bonds—Lake—Mohawk—Cranberry Meadow Rd.—Hebert Mill		21,000.00
Water Bonds—Park & Locust Sts.—Water Mains		11,000.00
Water Bonds—Add'l Water Supply Construction		35,000.00
Water Bonds—Scott Hill Acres—Depot St. —Lake St., 1953		33,680.00
Trust Funds—Cash & Securities	10,746.19	
Stephen & Jessie Coombs Cemetery Fund		103.48
Oak Hill Cemetery Fund		1,071.36
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests		9,459.01
Henry T. Whitney Library Fund		112.34
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	412,276.43	412,276.43

BALANCE SHEET
FOR
1953

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1953

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:

In Banks and Office	71,347.30
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Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1952—Personal	1,202.95
Levy of 1952—Real Estate	5,815.49
Levy of 1953—Personal	4,049.85
Levy of 1953—Real Estate	27,239.23

 38,307.52

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1952	82.43
Levy of 1953	5,633.36

 5,715.79

Tax Titles

3,585.02

Tax Possessions

2,515.48

Departmental:

Temporary Aid—State, Cities, Towns	8,001.39
Aid to Dependent Children—State	991.21
Old Age Assistance—Cities, Towns	3,114.00
Veterans Benefits—State	702.27

 12,808.87

Water Rates & Charges

8,169.23

Aid to Highways:

State—Chapter 90 Construction	5,999.33
County—Chapter 90 Construction	2,999.67

 8,999.00

Under-Estimates 1953

State Parks and Reservations	161.20
Norfolk County Hospital	1,899.93

 2,061.13

Overlay Deficits:

Levy of 1938	10.10
Levy of 1939	30.00
Levy of 1940	32.90

Levy of 1941	36.00	
Levy of 1942	37.92	
Levy of 1943	36.80	
Levy of 1944	38.40	
Levy of 1945	36.18	
Levy of 1946	17.80	
Levy of 1947	16.40	
Levy of 1948	17.60	
Levy of 1949	15.60	
Levy of 1950	15.20	
	<hr/>	340.90
Revenue 1954		2,000.00
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Total Assets		155,850.24

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Highway Loans in Anticipation of Reimburse.	25,850.00	
Federal Withholding Taxes	1,395.68	
Tax Title Foreclosure Expense Reserve	939.94	
Water Meter Deposits	330.00	
Tailings—Reserve for Unclaimed Checks	151.17	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Income	37.22	
School Athletic Fund (Revolving)	267.07	
	<hr/>	23,980.08
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance	255.89	
Disability Assistance Administration	737.15	
Old Age Assistance	1,066.76	
Old Age Assistance Administration	361.94	
Aid to Dependent Children	39.14	
Aid to Dependent Children Administration	1,123.58	
	<hr/>	3,584.46
Appropriation Balances		21,801.73
Overlay Surplus Reserve		748.58
Over-Estimates 1953		
County Tax		.57
Overlays—Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1952	638.51	
Levy of 1953	1,053.39	
	<hr/>	1,691.90

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Taxes	5,715.79	
Tax Titles	3,585.02	
Tax Possessions	2,515.48	
Departmental	12,808.87	
Water	8,169.23	
	<hr/>	32,794.39
Surplus Revenue		66,248.53
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Total Liabilities and Reserves		155,850.24

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded and Fixed Debt		245,680.00
High School Building Loans	10,000.00	
Water Loans	235,680.00	
	<hr/>	245,680.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities		10,746.19
Stephen & Jessie Coombs Cemetery Fund	103.48	
Oak Hill Cemetery Fund	1,071.36	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	9,459.01	
Henry T. Whitney Library Fund	112.34	
	<hr/>	10,746.19

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION AND MEETING

A. D. 1954

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Precinct No. 1, at the Community House in Precinct No. 2, and at the Community Building in Precinct No. 3, in said Bellingham, on

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1954

at 12:00 o'clock noon, for the following purposes: to bring in their votes upon one ballot to the election officials for the following Town Officers:

Selectman	for a term of three years
Water Commissioner	for a term of three years
Tax Assessor	for a term of three years
Board of Public Welfare	for a term of three years
Two School Committeemen	for a term of three years
Housing Authority	for a term of five years
Cemetery Committeeman	for a term of three years
One Library Trustee	for a term of one year
Four Constables	for a term of one year

And also on the same ballot to bring in their votes upon the following question:

Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled "An Act placing the office of Superintendent of Streets in the Town of Bellingham under the Civil Service Laws" be accepted?

POLLS WILL OPEN AT 12:00 NOON AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

SUBSEQUENT MEETING

And also to meet at the Bellingham High School Auditorium in said Bellingham on FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1954 at 8:00 P. M. then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To vote and raise appropriations for the following purposes, or act or do anything in relation thereto:

- Item 1. Moderator's Salary
- Item 2. Finance Committee
- Item 3. Selectmen's Dept.
- Item 4. Accountant's Dept.
- Item 5. Tax Collector's Dept.
- Item 6. Treasurer's Dept.
- Item 7. Assessor's Dept.
- Item 8. Certifying, Notes
- Item 9. Town Clerk's Dept.
- Item 10. Election-Registration
- Item 11. Town Hall
- Item 12. North Community Bldg.
- Item 13. South Community Bldg.
- Item 14. Police Dept.
- Item 15. Fire Dept.
- Item 16. Forest Fires
- Item 17. Sealer of Weights and Measures
- Item 18. Tree Warden
- Item 19. Moth Extermination
- Item 20. Health Dept.
- Item 21. Police Uniforms
- Item 22. Highway Sand Cleaning
- Item 23. Highway Chapter 81
- Item 24. Highway Chapter 90 Maintenance
- Item 25. Highway General
- Item 26. Bridges and Railings
- Item 27. Snow Removal and Sanding
- Item 28. Signs and Guideboards
- Item 29. Street Lighting
- Item 30. Machinery Account
- Item 31. Public Welfare
- Item 32. Old Age Assistance
- Item 33. Aid to Dependent Children
- Item 34. Veteran's Benefits
- Item 35. Memorial-Armistice Day
- Item 36. School Dept.
- Item 37. Vocational Training
- Item 38. Water Dept.
- Item 39. Cemetery Dept.
- Item 40. Town Reports
- Item 41. Town Counsel

- Item 42. Damage to Property-Injuries to Persons
- Item 43. Municipal Athletic Field
- Item 44. Maturing Debt
- Item 45. Interest
- Item 46. Reserve Fund
- Item 47. Library
- Item 48. Unpaid Bills, Contracted in Prior Years
- Item 49. Norfolk County Retirement System
- Item 50. Town Bldg. Insurance (Excluding School Bldg.)
- Item 51. Inspector of Wires
- Item 52. Sidewalk Maintenance
- Item 53. Disability Allowances
- Item 54. School Athletic

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955 and to issue note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money for the purpose of repairing and improving the following buildings; Town Hall, North Community and South Community Buildings; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of buying a forest fire truck for the Fire Department, or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a bridge over Peter's River on Wrentham Street: said sum to be used in conjunction with a Chapter 90 contribution from State and County: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Selectmen)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving and tarring Oak Terrace: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving and drainage on Stenson Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving Farm Street running south from Harry Chase House to Granite Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to accept the deeds and layouts of Prairie Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to accept the deeds and layouts of Auger Street 240 feet running West of South Main Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to accept the deeds and layouts of the following Streets: North Center Street: running from Potter Circle to Chamberlain Road: Potter Circle running from Short Street & North Center Street & Easy Street: South Center Street running from Potter Circle to Chamberlain Road: Short Street running from Potter Circle to Chamberlain Road: Chamberlain Road running from Short Street to North Center Street: Pond Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving Archer Street from Glen Road to Mann Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to accept the deeds and layouts of the following streets: Lawrence Street 100 feet running North from Linwood Avenue to Mann Street: Andrews Street 200 feet running North from Linwood Avenue to Mann Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to install Street Lights on the following Streets: Corner of Lawrence Street and Linwood Avenue: one light on Pole No. 4 on Lowland Street: Three lights on Easy Street: Four lights on Douglas Drive. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving Moody Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving two bad curves on North Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving Locust Street running from Wrentham Town Line to Wrentham Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving Blackstone Street from North Street South to Blackstone Town Line: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for continuing of drainage on Lowland Road: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving Stockholm Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of buying and laying cement pipes running from Muron Avenue to Pulaski Blvd.: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving Pioneer Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of continuing the drainage on Meadow Road running from Lowland Road to South Main Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for improving Meadow Road from Lowland Road to South Main Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving Fourth Avenue and Middle Avenue: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving Linwood Avenue from Lawrence Street to Andrews Street: to improve 200 feet of Andrews Street running North from Linwood Avenue to Mann Street: 100 feet of Lawrence Street running North from Linwood Avenue to Mann Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for finishing Freeman Street & Linwood Avenue: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition).

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving Douglas Drive: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of laying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter on Lakeview Avenue running from Blackmar Street and to include the installation of hydrants, and valves and other appurtenances: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of water mains and appurtenances on Locust Street, mains of not less than six inches in diameter, or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve Atlanta Avenue: or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving the following streets:

Pond St., from Potter Circle to Chamberlain Road., South Center, from Potter Circle to Chamberlain Road. Potter Circle, from Short St. No. Center St. and Easy St., or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving the following streets;

(Short St., from Potter Circle to Chamberlain Road. Chamberlain Road from Short St. to North Center St. North Center from Potter Circle to Chamberlain Road; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving Prairie Street: or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to accept the deeds and layouts for an extension of 300 feet on Trenton St.; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving Trenton St.: or act or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

A true copy:

..... Constable of Bellingham

ZEPHIRIN J. REMILLARD	}	Board of
WALTER P. LEWINSKI		Selectmen
ALFRED M. COTE		of Bellingham

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